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## LETTERS

## To the Editors

## Stripped-Set Headache

Editors, Technician:
Your editorial last month ("Stripped TV Sets Spell Trouble") was okay, but you overlooked some important angles. I know a lot of manufacturers have backed the independent servicer by keeping factory service to a minimum, running ad campaigns for the public that give us a pat on the back and even hold free training lectures for us-but doesn't this help them, too?

Take a look at the problem. You can buy one of these stripped sets for less than $\$ 150$. Since it needs more serviceing, you could shell out with $\$ 50$ during the first year in repair bills. That's more than a third of the original cost. No wonder the public squawks. How would you like to pay $\$ 700$ during the first year in repair bills on a new car that cost you \$2000? The technician, trapped between the original cost and the fee he must charge if his family is to keep on eating, is on the spot.
Looking at it this way, the manufacturer is lucky to get out of the servicing end of the business. He's steering clear of a low-profit or no-profit operation. Free training and favorable ads don't take all the curse off the situation, either. Why can't the set makers take some of the dough they sink into these programs and put it back into their sets? It might do us all more good that way. Or else, why don't they underwrite some of the first-year servicing costs on these stripped chassis?

Most manufacturers are still on the ball as far as protecting their brand names with good quality is concerned. To the few who are creating the problem, I say this: "You need us as much as we need you. Let's get together on this problem for our mutual benefit."
E. Brown

Detroit, Mich.

## Suggestion

Editors, Technician:
Just one suggestion. Would it be possible to run some articles on tape recorders, both servicing and fundamentals? With several . . . concerns readying pre-recorded tapes, I believe we will need any hints and information we can get.

Donald Ringler
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- We won't let you down. Watch future issues.-Ed

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# Open Letter to Test Equipment Mfrs. 

Accurate, Complete "Specs" Should Be Made Available to Technicians

No serviceman will quarrel with the statement that properly designed test equipment is a must in the TVradio repair shop. An instrument of good quality can, when properly used, greatly speed up service work and boost service revenue. An instrument with significant design faults, on the other hand, particularly faults (or limitations) poorly comprehended by the user, can make a difficult service job of a relatively simple one, and cause appreciable losses of time and money.
Let's get down to cases. The signal output of some sweep generators is quite non-linear. If the user isn't familiar with the non-linearity introduced by his instrument, some alignment jobs may prove quite troublesome. The non-linearity present may vary with the output setting of the generator, further complicating the job of interpreting response curves.
In quite a few oscilloscopes, the vertical attenuator control is not frequency-compensated. Measurement of horizontal sweep signals at one vertical amp. setting may not provide the same amplitude indication that it will at another setting. Furthermore, composite video signal waveshapes change considerably with vertical gain setting in these scopes. Confusion and delay may result if the technician is unfamiliar with the true source of these conditions.

## Case in Point

A TECHNICIAN reader wrote us some time ago, telling about a service job that had taken him quite some time to perform. The waveforms of the horizontal sync pulses in some stages were considerably smaller than those cited by the set manufacturer. The technician accordingly assumed that trouble in one of these stages was present. It took him several hours before he deduced that the limited frequency response of his (newly-
purchased) scope was responsible for the reduced amplitude of the waveforms, and not the set itself.

Other cases could be described, illustrating important design limitations in test equipment. Does this mean that the equipment is necessarily bad or useless? Not at all. The technician's attention should, however, be called to the limitations of the instrument he is purchasing, or planning to purchase, if he is to employ it efficiently. This is a point of ethics frequently overlooked by some test equipment manufacturers.

## Improper "Specs" Listing

Linked with this "oversight" is the provision of inaccurate or misleading "specs", as well as the omission of "embarrassing" characteristics that reflect no credit on the instrument.

An example of an inaccurate specification is the statement that the output of a signal generator is continuously variable between, say, 0 and 500 millivolts, whereas in actuality, the output of the instrument cannot be reduced to zero volts at all.

An instance of the misleading "spec" is a statement that voltmeter accuracy is within, say, $3 \%$ of full-scale deflection at one specified range. The actual percentage of error at the low section of the range may be very much greater, but many technicians are apt to overlook this.

What is obviously needed is some system of $1-S \operatorname{tand}$ ardizing specifications and 2-Insuring adherence to these "specs." All "specs" needed for correctly evaluating the merits of an instrument should be presented, not merely some of the more favorable ones. And these "specs" should be accurate, not "doctored up" to meet the more favorable "specs" of a competitor.
When the test equipment manufacturers fill this tall order, they will, we feel, go a long way toward picking up more business from the serviceman.

## Zuning Jn the

NEW 19-IN. COLOR TUBE, CBS 205, is in mass production right now with output of about 40,000 expected this year. Capehart, CBS, Motorola, Westinghouse and others will use it in their sets. Motorola has already announced a color receiver using this crt for THIS FALL, to sell at $\$ 895$. "205" refers to number of square inches on the tube's viewing area

GROWING NUMBER OF WOULD-BE "experts" calling in technicians to work on Hi-Fi gear bought by the former with the notion that assembly and set-up is a cinch. At present the high-fidelity sales market is suffering a seasonal lull, with component volume lagging. Some high-class stores are moving fair quantities of complete instruments, and are doing fairly well with custom work.

TV SET SALES HAVE BEEN holding up well, with dealers fighting hard for a share of the business. As a matter of fact, the market is much better than most expected it to be, but most of the sales are in low-end new models or "distressed" larger units offered at fantastically low prices. Competition in TV is terrific in all markets. . . . Radios are slow in many localities, though portables and clocks are moving fairly well. . . Recorders are steady and are expected to show a big increase over last year. Phonos have been moving in the low and medium price brackets, with large deluxe units dragging.

THERE ARE STILL "SNOWY REGIONS" in many parts of the country, but one hears less and less about "fringe areas" these days because of the great improvements in antennas, towers and other reception accessories, plus increased skill and knowledge on the part of the nation's technicians. Some repairers we know of travel fifty miles and more to service one fringe set. What's your record distance? Let's hear from you for publication in TECHNICIAN.


STRANGER THAN FICTION. In a hard-boiled district of New York City, a technician was called in to service a receiver. The customer claimed (over the phone) that it had never worked since it was fixed, and refused to pay for the repair. As the technician placed his tool kit inside the front door hall, the woman kicked the box farther inside the house and slammed the door in the technician's face. The case was subsequently settled in court to the woman's satisfaction. Hm. . . . Easterner who used to run a small radio repair shop, is now a big-shot engineer for a national network, but he still has to personally repair the TV sets, Hi-Fi equipment and other electronic gear in his boss' home. Seems the latter is so sold on the guy's ability that he won't let anyone but the ex-servicer do the work.

BUSINESS SO-SO AS SUMMER CONTINUES, though a sharp pickup is foreseen in September when the trek back from vacationland commences. Repair shops in many thickly-populated Summer resorts have been very busy, but conditions have been spotty in most of the big cities, with heavy competition in such cities as New York and Chicago, where some high-pressure outfits are spending up to $\$ 500$ a week in advertising. Prices for service are holding up well in most independent shops. Trend noticed in some of the older TV cities: An increase in number of folk who are seeking "minimum" repairs, and who are unwilling to spend money for other needed work in cases where picture and sound are still present.
TRENDS OF THE TIMES: Numbers of discounthouses setting up service departments to counteract competitive claims that such outfits have no maintenance or installation facilities to offer. . . . Slight increase in number of firms advertising service on timepayment bases. . . . Large 24 -hour, seven-days-a-week firm doing 60 percent of its volume on holidays and "after hours.". . Most shop owners interviewed by TECHNICIAN editors say they do not plan to charge more for working on color-TV sets when the latter really hit the home market.
PORTABLE RADIO SALES are sharply up for the 1st quarter of this year as compared to a similar period last year. Though the trend is nationwide, heaviest demand is in northeast area of the country. New England technicians, please note! Don't overlook a good bet.

TV MEMORY MIRROR: Remember the pre-age split-sound sets, many still in use, that required at least half-a-dozen knob adjustments when switched from one channel to another? Contrast, fine tuning, horizontal hold, brightness and other controls had to be carefully adjusted each time. Not a hard job, if you happened to be an octopus. . . . And how about those clumsy magnifiers, oil-filled and others, that used to mar the appearance of 7 - and $10-\mathrm{in}$. sets to produce a bigger picture? Remember the time, in the not-toodistant past, when conversions to a larger pix tube were a good source of income? Plummeting prices on large-screen sets have just about killed this sideline.

Picture.........


"Think it over-my repairs free or-kerplop!"
COLOR-TV IS CERTAINLY ON THE WAY, according to RCA Victor's former exec. VP, Jos. B. Elliott. He says the industry should be able to sell several hundred thousand sets in 1955; about one and three-quarter million in '56, and five million in '58.

INCREASE IN BOTCHED UP SETS repaired by would-be servicers in the home noted in several industrial centers. Although most technicians dislike working on these "worked-over" receivers, and many express their displeasure to the owners, one Chicago firm accepts such repairs with a smile. "If we're willing to take this kind of work we might as well be courteous about it," says the owner.

OPPORTUNITIES MANY OVERLOOK. Just about every customer needs phono needles, and just about every technician who visits the home can sell 'em-and make money, too. ...."Are all your radios working satisfactorily? is the stock question the owner of a small shop and his two men ask each time a TV repair call is made. And it pays off handsomely.

A New York technician, servicing a television set in a doctor's office was asked by the latter if he could repair a piece of electronic medical equipment. He tackled the job, put the unit back into good working condition, and now has several other doctors on his customer list.

TV MANUFACTURERS' WARRANTIES are moving in two directions at the same time. Some mfrs are in favor of dropping 1-yr. warranties on pix tubes, claiming that present crt prices and quality are so favorable that these items no longer represent a big-cost replacement headache. On the other hand, GE has just extended its standard 90 -day warranty on TV sets to cover labor charges, as well as parts replacement.

GARAGE-DOOR OPENER, recently introduced, will be marketed via TV-radio distribution channels. Even if you don't do selling, this kind of item can be a good "added line" for servicing.

THE JOB-SECURITY FACTOR should improve steadily. To judge by current population trends, the deck will be stacked in the worker's favor by 1963. In an anticipated (increased) population of 177 million, there will be a big percentage increase in the over- and under-age groups, leaving fewer workers in "acceptable" age brackets to furnish goods and services for more people.

TAPE DUPLICATING SYSTEM, announced by Ampex, will give still another shot in the arm to the growing field of pre-recorded tapes. By copying tapes at speeds several times normal playback speed, 2500 hours of tape playing time can be duplicated in a single 8-hr. working day. This includes simultaneous copying of both tracks on a dual-track recording. On modern stamping presses, disc recordings are usually produced at a rate of less than 1500 hours of music per 8-hr. day.

BIGGEST BOTTLENECK IN COLOR TV may not be the size of the crt so much as the non-interchangeability of pix tube types already developed. Most set makers are afraid to sink big dough into a circuit design that may become obsolete if the crt used in it is eventually abandoned. Sufficient standardization to allow interchangeability of tube types is one answer. Is this a problem for another "all-industry" committee? Technician-dealers and distributors also have a stake in this problem: Who has the warehouse space-or the money-to stock replacements for at least half a dozen varieties of crt?

LOOKING FOR WORK? Makers of master antenna systems, which are doing well, report a shortage of trained personnel for installing and maintaining these rigs. Also, Jerrold of Philadelphia announces a new licensing plan for people interested in selling or installing their master systems. The same mfr is setting up a school in Philadelphia, open to the entire industry, for training personnel in installation, maintenance and operation techniques.

THOUGH A FEW TV SET MAKERS have said off the record that they may revise a few receiver prices upward this Fall, most are looking forward to a knock-down-drag-out fight to the finish with leader models. "Price-wise, we haven't seen anything yet," a prominent sales executive told a TECHNICIAN editor.

## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Aug. 25-27: Western Electronic Show \& Convention, Pon-Pacific Auditorium, Los Angeles (show) Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles (cenvention hq.)
Aug. 27-29: TV Service Clinie, Sponsored by the Texas Electronics Association, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, Texas
Sept. 24-26: Fifth Aenual TV-Radio Service Industry Convention and Exhibitions, Morrison Hotel, Chleago, IIl.
Sept. 30-Oct. 2: High Fidelity Show, Washington Athletie Club, international Sight and Sound Exposition, Palmer House, Chicago, III.

Oct. 4-6: Tenth Anmual National Electronics Conference, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, III.
Oct. 8-20: Radio-Elactronics-Television Mfrs. Assoc. Radio Fall Meefing, Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y.
Oct. 13-16: The Audio Fair, Sponsored by Audio Engineering Soclety, Hotel New Yorker, New York.

# Using the Oscilloscope 

## Scope Requirements; Eliminating Stray Pickup; Non-Linearity;

- In the performance of routine TV service operations, such as waveform inspection and alignment, a reasonably good oscilloscope is a "must" requirement. Economically, many readers cannot afford the best, so this article will discuss measures by means of which an inexpensive scope's usefulness may be extended (until a really good scope can be procured). Auxiliary equipment that may be used for this purpose will also be described.

Response Needed. Probably the most critical duty of a scope is the display of waveforms associated with the horizontal frequency of 15,750 cycles per second. Contrary

Fig. 1-Distortion of horizontal sync pulse on a laboratory scope ( $A$ ); on an inexpensive scope (B); excessive distortion on inexpensive scope due to loss of high frequencies (C).


By James A. McRoberts

to the general run of opinion, the vertical amplifier must be faithful far beyond the tenth harmonic of this frequency, if small portions of a single cycle-such as the retrace of a horizontal pulse-are to be accurately displayed. Ideally, the vertical amplifier should pass, without discrimination, frequencies 500 times as high as the horizontal sync pulse. Scopes of such a high-frequency response are, of course, prohibitive in price for the average technician, and not really needed for ordinary service work. A hundred times the horizontal frequency is a more practical requirementi.e., a response extending to 1.5 or 2.0 megacycles.

Inexpensive scopes with a "usable" high-frequency response of only 150 kc may be employed. One very simple way to get the most out of such a scope is to note carefully how it reproduces horizontal waveforms on some TV receiver in good operating condition. Take particular note of-i.e., memorize-the distortion present, so you will know how much distortion is normal with a scope of this kind.

To illustrate: a horizontal sync pulse observed on an excellent scope is shown in Fig. 1A; its appearance on an inexpensive scope is illustrated in 1 B . If a waveform seen on the inexpensive scope is ex-
cessively distorted (Fig. 1C), trouble in the receiver is indicated.

Eliminating Stray Pickup. Stray pickup by the vertical amplifier and its leads are perhaps the most annoying things that the serviceman encounters in a scope. He can readily do something about such pickup. The input circuit to the vertical amplifier should be shielded inside the scope. A microphine connector may be substituted for the customary binding post input. A microphone cable (Fig. 2) may be used as a shielded input lead; the input is thus shielded as far as the end of the microphone cable. Another length of microphone cable, complete with connectors, is handy as a spare or as an extension.
Probes-discussed later-may be terminated in a connector to match the cable, thus shielding the entire input system as far as possible.
Shielding of the vertical amplifier and the input cables not only prevents stray pickup (such as hum); it also prevents radiation of the signal on the cable to other parts of the receiver under test. Such radiation can cause regeneration and/or spurious modulation.

Scope Non-Linearity. The horizontal sweep may not be linear in inexpensive scopes. This non-linearity may be of the kind illustrated in Fig. 3A, which occurs towards the end of the sweep. The resultant dis-

Fig. 2-Single-contact microphone cable, with connector for coaxial (shielded) input, may be used for aftaching scope vertical input to circuit under test. Set-up eliminates hum pickup.


# for TV Receiver Servicing 

## Isolation E Filtering; Low-Capacitance and Detector Probes

tortion produced in a sine-wave signal is shown in Fig. 3B. Now, ordinarily, two or more waveform cycles are observed simultaneously. To remove the non-linear part of the display, simply expand the sweep by suitable rotation of the horizontal gain control; then move the right-hand cycle entirely off the screen by setting the horizontal positioning control so that only the one or two cycles at the left are visible. Fig. 4 shows such a display with the "unused" portion dotted.

In alignment operations, the nonlinearity just described is not too important. The technician should look at alignment curves obtained on several sets in good working order, to familiarize himself with the response distortion introduced by his scope.

Filters and Isolation Resistors. Shielding the leads is not all that is required to make the input to the scope vertical amplifier satisfactory. Filter networks are also needed, to prevent upsetting the circuit under test, and to provide a more usable response curve in alignment. Intelligent use of filters is very important in oscilloscope work.

Alignment curves are frequently fuzzy and hazy, due to the presence of excessive high-frequency signal content, where only the relatively low frequencies are required. A high-pass filter can change a fuzzy curve (Fig. 5A) into a cleaner, far more usable one (Fig. 5B). The simple addition of a 0.001 to 0.01 mfd condenser across the scope vertical input terminals is enough for this magic transformation, although a more elaborate filter is preferable. (The more elaborate filter will do a better job of removing higher-frequency audio components as well as radio-frequency signals, from a sweep-generated response curve. Only 60 or 120 cycle components and their first ten harmonics are needed, for correct reproduction of the response curve.)

Fig. 5C shows the schematic of such a filter. R-1, a 10 k resistor, isolates the scope from the circuit under test; 500 mmfd condenser C-1 serves as an r-f bypass. Fur-
ther r-f filtration is provided by $\mathrm{R}-2$, another 10 k resistor. C-2's primary function is to bypass the higher audio (noise) frequencies, eliminating the fuzz that tends to develop in the alignment curve when the set is brought into alignment. C-2 has a value of 0.05 mfd in many such applications.

The entire filter should, preferably, be mounted in an i-f transformer can, with a female microphone connector (panel-mount) provided on the end of the can, to match the coaxial microphone input cable shown in Fig. 2. The lead length extending from isolation resistor R-1 beyond the shielding enclosure should be minimum.

Low-Capacitance Probes. An isolation resistor tends to prevent interaction of the scope vertical input with the circuit under test (i.e., loading or detuning). Interaction is further minimized by use of a lowcapacitance probe. A typical low C probe is schematically illustrated in Fig. 6. Note that a series-connected low capacitance is capable of reducing the capacitative loading of a tuned circuit by the probe. The 47 mmfd capacitor in Fig. 6 is in series with the capacitance of the probe; the series combination represents the capacitative load shunting the circuit under test. The 47 mmfd series condenser also prevents or blocks the passage of direct current. (Although most scopes have a series blocking condenser, addition of another one prevents damage that may be caused by a short-circuit at the terminals of the scope binding post.)

Use low-capacitance probes for viewing the waveforms in horizontal oscillator and discriminator-ratio detector circuits, where the capacitance of the probe leads will upset the circuit if a larger-capacitance probe is employed. A resistor (1 or 2 K ) may be used in series with the end of the probe, if desired, to further isolate the circuits and reduce the shunting capacitance present.

Detector Probes. To view the modulation of radio or intermedi(Continued on page 58)


Fig. 3A-Non-linear sweep. B-Effect of nonlineority shown in (A) on a sine-wave signal.


Fig. 4-Display adjusted so that only the left-hand or most linear part of the signal is left on the screen for inspection purposes.

Fig. 5A-Fuzzy response curve. C-Filter designed to remove the fuzz shown in (A). BResponse curve with fuzz content eliminated.


# Setting Up A Successful 

Factors Entering into an Indoor or Outdoor Installation.

## By Arthur H. Smitr

- The successful outcome of a well planned, properly installed public address system is gratifying to both the purchaser and the technician. Some installations, however, do not turn out successfully. Unusual conditions may arise-in some cases weeks after an installation is completed, in others as the system is in the process of being set up-that impair its operation.

A great deal of troubleshooting, replacement and re-arrangement can be avoided if certain basic installation fundamentals, about to be described, are observed.
Public address systems vary greatly in requirements, ranging as they do from small units, intended for audiences in quiet rooms or auditoriums, to large complex installations at stadiums, theaters or racetracks, where the public address system is required to have sufficient reserve power to override the noise levels that exist at these sites. Other installations include paging and music amplifiers at industrial plants, schools, hospitals, bus depots, restaurants and night clubs.
In some installations, fixed requirements must be met; i.e., the audience and activity are about the same at all times. Other installations may have varying requirements during the day or evening, due to fluctuations in the number of listeners, changes in surrounding noise levels, and other variables.

The success or failure of your system depends on satisfying these varying requirements adequately. The technician who fails the first time in an installation of this type may fail again, unless he is equipped with basic installation information.

When called upon to install a public address system, your first logical step would be to go to the location where the installation is to be made. Look the place over yourself. Do not depend on descriptions of the place. Spend as much time as you can asking questions, the an-

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Fig. 1-Number and size of speakers required with an amplifier of specified power oulput.

Fig. 2—Placement of four speakers in oblong room, for most effective use of the dispersion angle.


# Public Address Sound System 

## Meeting Requirements. Speaker Considerations



Fig. 3—Method of connecting ceiling or wall speakers to permit access to speakers and cables.
swers to which may be needed. Whatever the case may be, determine whether the requirements will be the same during the use of the system, or if they will vary.

Public address installations may be divided into indoor and outdoor systems. An indoor system, once established, can be relied upon to distribute sound faithfully under all conditions for which it was designed. The outdoor system, however, cannot be set up and forgotten about quite so easily.

Because of the usual absence of walls, ceilings and floors in an outdoor installation, sound distribution is dependent wholly upon the air mass that surrounds the audience. The lack of reflecting surfaces prevents re-distribution of the sound, which is literally lost to infinity due to the excessive damping effect of air in open space. Prevailing winds may carry the amplified sounds to or away from the audience, little or no control being possible. To cope with such conditions, at least in part, something of a brute-force technique, employing highly-directive trumpets, is used.
The following formula is based on indoor factory installations, which require adequate reserve power to override peak production noise. This formula is applicable to all other types of installation, since it provides for a good margin of reserve power. Multiply the number of people to be served by a constant index of .008 , to obtain the amplifier power required.

Example: $4000 \times .008=32$ watts. In the case of a comparable outdoor installation, 10 watts should be added to the power requirement.

Now that the proper amount of power has been determined, the next consideration will be the number and types of speakers or trumpets to be employed. The table shown in Fig. 1 may be used in this connection. Good-quality twelveinch speakers, with adequate handling capacities of fifteen to twentyfive watts, and trumpets using $25-$ watt driver units, are ideal for the installations referred to.

We have now determined the power required, and the number and types of speakers. The next consideration is speaker placement. You will want to achieve maximum sound coverage by utilizing efficiently the speakers available.

In a square or oblong room having straight walls, speakers should be mounted 10 to 12 feet from the floor. When a seated audience is anticipated, speakers should face the audience at a 45 -degree angle from the wall. This will make the most effective use of the dispersion angle of the speakers (see Fig. 2).

Where the audience is expected to move about, two kinds of speaker placement can be used. The speakers can be placed flat against the wall, so that they radiate energy at an angle of 45 degrees from the wall. The speakers can also be placed in the corners of the room. The dispersion angle is more effectively used in the latter case. If the
room is oblong, two or more speakers may be required to fill in possible dead spots along the long wall. The best type of placement is that in which the speakers are concealed in walls and ceilings. This will be discussed shortly.

Rooms of other than square or oblong construction may pose some problems. Alcoves, dividing walls, booths, balconies and side rooms should not generally be served by speakers in the main-room area. It may be advisable or necessary to use two eight-inch speakers in place of one twelve-inch unit, installing the two in obvious or possible dead spots. It is advisable to install suitable pads in such speakers, in order that a balanced level can be maintained, in relation to the sound level in the main room.

In permanent installations, when
Fig. 4-Ceiling support channel. The heavygauge steel unit shown comes in 24 and 48 -in. spans. (Courtesy Lowell Mig. Co.)

it is architecturally possible, or in new room construction, speakers may be installed recessed into the ceiling or wall. Access to the speakers and connecting cables should be provided by the use of mounting rings or plates, in the event future servicing is needed. Also provide accessible tie points for the cables, between speakers, in order that continuity and resistance checks may readily be made. In the event of shorted or open cables, new cables can be pulled through by means of the old cable.
Removable ceiling or wall panels can be made up as shown in Fig. 3. Such panels will make speakers and cables in permanent installations accessible.

Steel support channels may be used for ceiling or wall installations (see Fig. 4). The channels used by the author come in either 24 or $48-\mathrm{in}$. lengths, and are made to conform to standard construction
specifications (refer to Fig. 5). In installations where requirements vary, and speakers may need to be moved to different positions from time to time, speakers mounted in wood cabinet baffles should prove satisfactory. The cables in this case may be laid in mouldings, or supported by means of slip rings spaced about the room, or securely strapped or stapled to the walls.
The outdoor installation usually uses trumpets which have a dispersion angle of 90 degrees. Position these trumpets as judiciously as possible, to make optimum use of the dispersion angle. Two trumpets are usually mounted near the speakers' or musicians' platform, while others are set up in trees, on poles or on suitable tripods, to cover the remaining area.
Up to this point, we have decided on the power requirement of the amplifier, and installed the speakers

Fig. 5-How steel support channels for sound systems are used in various types of ceiling. Units shown were designed for special kinds of speaker enclosures. (Courfesy Lowelf Mig. Co.)

and cables. The next consideration will be the quality and input requirements of the system. For ordinary speech, ballyhoo and carnival service, an ordinary amplifier with no special features may be chosen. Where the system calls for music distribution or orchestral service, however, a good quality amplifier with several input channels should be selected. Good frequency response down to 15 cycles and up to and above 15,000 cycles, with low distortion, is mandatory.

Amplifiers with tone correctors and controlled feedback circuits will make it possible for you to make corrections in the acoustics, and counteract the effect of resonance points that may exist in the room in which the system is used. No matter what the installation, before you decide to purchase the amplifier, set up and review specifications and ratings. Make sure that the service for which you intend using the equipment is suited to it.
The amplifier should be equipped with good-quality, oversized components (preferably oil-filled condensers), and should have adequate ventilation. In many cases, public address systems are very much abused. They are put to long periods of operation at full power output. Failures have frequently been attributed to systems accidentally being left on overnight, or for the duration of a week-end. Ruggedness of the amplifier is therefore important.

Input requirements dictate the quality of the microphone and other accessories. These units should match amplifier "specs." Choose a mike cable that will be adequate for all possible needs. It is customary to provide several cables of 10 , 25 and 50 -foot lengths, with suitable connectors to join all cables if necessary.

## Speaker Considerations

In connecting your speakers together, consideration must be given to impedance matching and phase relations. It is most advisable to install speakers in parallel or seriesparallel. A large group of speakers should never be wired in series. Due to high transient voltages that may develop in a series wiring setup, arc-over at the air gap of the voice coils may occur, possibly causing serious damage to the speakers. Furthermore, if a coil open-circuits, the entire system will be inoperative. If for some reason series operation must be used, the speaker (Continued on page 48)

# Your Test Equipment 

# Adjusting Oscillator Padders with a Sweep Generator and Scope; Calibrating a Signal Generator; Enlarger for 3-in. Scope 

## Adjusting Oscillator Padders. Due

 to cost considerations, low-priced receivers seldom contain series oscillator padders for tracking at the low-frequency end of the dial. Because of the relative broadness of response of the single-tuned circuit between the antenna and the mixer grid (usually the loop itself), minor discrepancies in the tracking of the oscillator and mixer tuned circuits can usually be tolerated. Only a low-capacity shunt trimmer, ordinarily mounted on the tuning gang, is used to track the circuit at the high-frequency end of the dial.In better-grade communication sets, home receivers and $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ tuners, some form of series padder is usually incorporated to give closer tracking at the low-frequency end of the band. Some receivers dispense with the capacitor padder shown in Fig. 1A and use a pow-

Fig. 1-Oscillator tuned circuit using highcapacitance padder ( $A$ ) or powdered-iron slug (B) for tracking of the low-frequency end of the AM band. In both cases, a small shunt capacitor (not shown) is also used across the main tuning capacitor (C-2) for h-f tracking.

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dered iron slug instead, as shown in Fig. 1B.

In the usual adjustment of a padder or slug, a station-say around 600 kc on the broadcast band-is tuned in; the dial is then "rocked," while various settings of the slug, or padder capacitor, whichever is used, are made. The adjustment position providing maximum response is assumed to be the correct one; after it is obtained, the shunt trimmer is adjusted near the high-frequency end of the dial. The same procedure is then repeated as a re-check.
This is a relatively slow and somewhat unsatisfactory process, and can be speeded up and improved upon by using the following procedure: Clip the output lead from a sweep generator to the insulation on the "high" side of the antenna or loop wiring (see Fig. 2A). The input cable from a scope is then connected across the set's detector load resistor. With a center sweep frequency of about 600 kc , and a sweep width of .5 mc or less, a pattern such as the one shown in Fig. 2 B will be observed. The receiver dial is set at a point near 600 kc , at which no station is received, for this test. It is immaterial whether the scope's internal horizontal sweep or the sweep from the generator is used, since the height indication alone is of interest, not the exact shape of the response curve.

The padder or slug is adjusted for maximum curve height. The response curve will slide to right or left along the baseline during the process, showing that the frequency of the tuned circuit is being varied. The small pip near the main response is the 455 kc i-f signal. Advantage can be taken of its presence by adjusting the i-f trimmers for maximum pip output at this time. If the main response curve is off to one side of the screen, adjust the


Fig. 2A-Connection of sweep generator and oscilloscope for oscillator alignment at the low-frequency end of the band. B-Response obtained on scope. To minimize "looping" of the base line, reverse line plug to the sweep generator, scope or the radio.
phasing control on the generator, or reset the center frequency slightly, to bring the curve closer towards the center of the screen.

The method of adjustment just described is of value even when no series padder or slug adjustment is incorporated in the circuit. By pressing against one of the outer oscillator section rotor plates with an insulated rod, the height of the pattern will change. The same is true if one of the rotor plates of the mixer section is pressed inward slightly. If the output decreases in BOTH cases, the adjustment is correct as is. If the output increases when the oscillator rotor plate is pressed, bend the MIXER rotor plate outward slightly, until proper correction is obtained. If the output increases when the mixer plate is pressed, bend the OSCILLATOR plate outward to compensate.
This method is just the opposite
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# WHY You Need "HIGH FIDELITY" 

## To Enjoy the Full Value of Great Music and Fine Instruments



# YOU Can Sell Hi-Fi 

# There's Room for the Small Dealer in this Growing Field 

Interest in Hi-Fi is growing steadily. More and more people in all parts of the country are purchasing record-players, tape-recorders, FM tuners and related equipment that has the $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ ticket on it. There's gold in them thar hills, but you've got to know how to mine it.
The first job that should be performed if you're going to sell Hi-Fi to the public is to fan the latent interest of potential customers to sales temperature. Many people who have heard about $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$, and have developed some degree of interest in it, can have that interest stimulated to the point where it leads to a purchase. Here are some of the ways you can go about achieving this desirable result:

Get up an effective window display. For instance, obtain an old phono somewhere-the kind that is readily identified as old-and set it up beside a late-model record player. A small sign in front of each unit can give the frequency response of the machine, and list other characteristics that make for interesting comparisons, The language used should, of course, be as non-technical as possible.

You might, on another placard, state that records will be played on each machine at such-and-such an

[^2]hour in the evening, giving listeners a chance to hear how much progress has been achieved in the field of record reproduction.
Demonstration and test records of various types might also be played on both machines, and the response in 'each case made visible to the audience on a scope. One of the better orators in the shop could handle whatever spiel is necessary.

Literature can be made available in the store, acquainting people with what $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ is all about. You don't have to write this stuff yourself. Plenty of Hi-Fi manufacturers have brochures available that are beamed at the layman. You can cut out portions of these booklets that you think do a good job, get permission to reproduce and distribute them under your store's imprint, adding a short sales message at the end, if you wish.

If you aren't shy, you might tell lodge secretaries and officials of similar organizations that you would be willing to deliver a talk on Hi-Fi to their membership. By delivering several such lectures, you can build up quite a reputation as a $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ expert, and profit from the business that results.

All of the preceding presupposes that you have acquired a good fundamental background on $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$, and have really made yourself an expert.

One of the fundamental problems the technician-dealer entering this field faces is the problem of how to meet the competition of cut-rate
houses that sell at or near wholesale to both technicians and laymen. Meeting the prices of these houses is, of course, out of the question for the small independent. What he can do however, is offer customers something the cut-rate house cannot readily duplicate, i.e., a sincere interest in the customer's problems; simple, intelligible, accurate answers to questions posed by the customer; honesty about merchandise offered for sale; and last, but certainly not least, good service, within or outside the guaranty period.

Many customers don't know enough to buy intelligently from the cut-rate houses; they need guidance, and will pay your price if you can give it to them. $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ customers are basically more interested in quality than in price. If you can lead them by the hand through the claims and counter-claims that are currently befuddling the field, and steer them to a really good instrument or custom installation, your selling job will be made much simpler.
It will pay you to educate customers or potential customers with respect to acceptable hum level, distortion, frequency response, etc. Demonstrations to small groups of potential customers, audibly illustrating these characteristics, should prove very effective.

There's room for the independent technician-dealer on the $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ bandwagon . . . but he must "know his stuff" . . . and he'll have to educate his customers. . .

## Webster INTERCOMS

The RF and WC Com-ette intercom systems are designed for lowcost installation. The RF Com-ette series is designed to work on ac or dc and requires no interconnecting wires between units. The WC series is a wired system, also operates on 115 -volt ac or dc, and includes 50 feet of interstation wire. Sound Sales Div., Webster Electric Co., 1900 Clark St., Racine, Wisc.TECHNICIAN

## Pentron TAPE RECORDER

Featured in model TV-4 are dualspeed, dual-track operation at $71 / 2$ and $33 / 4$ in. speeds; editing key for
deletion of material while playing back tape. Four jacks include mike input, radio input, output to speaker and output to amplifier. Response ( $71 / 2$ in.): 50-9500 cps. List price including mike, reel of tape and extra reel, $\$ 189.50$. Pentron Corp., 777 S. Tripp Ave., Chicago 24, Ill.TECHNICIAN

## Duotone SPEAKER SYSTEMS

The complete line of Ticonal magnet speakers, in new cabinets designed for $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Fi}$ performance, feature improved cone design in the speaker for extended flat response. Duotone, Keyport, N. J.-TECHNICIAN

## Masco INTERCOMS

The Econofone has been introduced to provide economical multi-ple-station intercom operation. The master is designed to handle up to 5 remotes which can originate or receive calls. An easy modification changes the Econofone into an allmaster system; up to 6 masters may then be used with up to 3 separate pairs of conversations or a conference of any group of stations. Remotes have talk-listen switch. Master has volume control with off-on switch, talk-listen switch, pilot light and 5 station-selector switches. Mark Simpson Mfg. Co., L. I. City, N.Y.-TECHNICIAN

# Louisiana Technicians 

New Orleans Association Proposes Licensing

## By Charles R. Maduell, Jr.

A few days ago, while the author was at the parts counter of a local distributor, he was approached by a casual acquaintance with the statement, "Aren't you a member of the Radio and Electronic Technician's Association?" When I stated that I was a member, he said that we RETA people were a very foolish bunch. Here we were charging at the rate of $\$ 5.00$ for a service call, plus the legal or suggested list price for tubes; he was getting only $\$ 3.00$ for a service call, but making all the gravy.

Upon further conversation, it was learned that he sometimes charged as much as $\$ 6.00$ for a type 5 U 4 tube. We learned that this "gyp artist" does not have any test equipment, and would not know how to use it if he did. When he finds that the television set needs more extensive repairs than the simple replacing of one or more tubes, he simply takes the set to a local distributor for that make, has it repaired there, and charges the customer twice the price the distributor charged him. And so, with no investment, no equipment, and no knowledge, he makes money on TV repairs. He considers me and the other members of the RETA

> The honest technician-dealer is severely handicapped in compeling against the "gyp" serviceman, Louisiana technicians feel that the licensing measure they are proposing will untie their hands.



The new bill is intended to help laymen who feel lost when it comes to choosing a lechnician.
poor business men and rather stupid, because with all our knowledge, all our expensive instruments, and our large investment, we get only the hard jobs, which anyone knows do not pay for themselves, while the back-yard "tube-changer" makes all. the money on the simple, paying jobs.

## Other Cases

On checking with the other members of RETA, I found they all had similar stories to tell. The records of the Better Business Bureau of New Orleans was full of the doings of the "gyps." Here are two picked from the lot:

A former customer (says the tech-nician-dealer who is telling the story) called us on the phone to request service on her TV set. Our price of $\$ 5.00$ for a service call was too high, according to her. She could get the job done for $\$ 3$, she said. However, it was a Saturday, and the $\$ 3.00$ man had gone fishing. She would gladly pay the extra $\$ 2$ if we would come right out to repair her set.

Our serviceman returned from the customer's house with the story that all the set needed was a fuse and a 6AU5 tube. He charged her
$\$ 0.30$ for the fuse, $\$ 3.20$ for the tube, and $\$ 5.00$ for the service call, a total of $\$ 8.50$.

The statement was made to him, "Gee, that tube has certainly dropped in price, hasn't it?" Our serviceman replied that tubes had gone $u p$, not down. At this point, the customer brought out a ticket (the kind used to make out cash bills in small drug and grocery stores, with no name on the top); the bill showed that she had paid $\$ 7.80$ for the same tube the last time it had gone bad, plus $\$ 3.00$ for the service call. She thought she was getting by cheaply. The sharp tactics here are obvious to any serviceman-the profit on the " $\$ 3.00$ call" is obtained by the simple expedient of overcharging on parts, or replacing unneeded parts.

Another case that comes from the files of RETA members: A set came to the XYZ shop for repairs, and it

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# Fight "Gyp" Competitors 

## to Eliminate Some of the Evils in the Trade

was determined that it had a defective horizontal output transformer. When so informed, the customer stated that he believed this unit was replaced during a former repair job, but that he would check to make sure. About two days later, the bill for this former job was shown to the author. It read as follows:

| Two condensers, |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| at $\$ 0.50$ each | $\$ 1.00$ |
| Replaced horizontal circuit | $\$ 9.50$ |
| Replaced vertical circuit | $\$ 9.50$ |
| Labor | $\$ 9.50$ |
|  | $\$ 29.50$ |

What is wrong with this bill is rather obvious.

We have seen several others of a similar nature. One bill listed "replacement of the modulated rectifier" (whatever that is), "repaired chassis front" (body and fender work?) "put picture back in picture tube," etc.

## Legitimafe Operafors

In New Orleans there are approximately 250 television service shops operating legitimately. By the term "operating legitimately" is meant that there is a store facing on a street or alley, along with the presence of a small stock of parts, some test equipment, and the proper state and city Sales Tax registrations and licenses (business licenses, not technical ones). On a rough estimate, there are over 500 others who are in the "television repair business," operating from their "back-yard." This number includes those who are in legitimate jobs during the day, and become servicemen at night; some of these men are in the trade.
The situation is by no means found only in television. In the elec-tro-medical field, for example, we ran into several instances where a crystal-controlled diathermy had the wrong crystal in it; or non-FCC-approved diathermy units were still being used, units which the salesmen had sold on the basis that the "FCC will not do anything unless they find out you have it."

About two years ago the Radio
and Electronic Technician's Association was re-organized to combat these unethical practices. As an organization going about the matter without legal assistance, we met with one failure after another. Finally, the subject of licensing was brought up, and we had several meetings to see if we could develop a workable law. The plan was to find a law that would not "play politics" in the sense that a group of lawyers, or politicans who knew nothing of the technical side of the thing, would be the administrators of the law.

The Legislature of the State of Louisiana has been considering a

Registration Law for Electronic Technicians that RETA formulated. While the law was designed with a number of purposes in mind, it was chiefly intended to improve cus-tomer-technician relations, and to lift the technician from the status of a "laborer" to that of a professional.
The licensing bill proposed by RETA was recently voted down 43 to 26 in the Louisiana House of Reps. RETA will not, however, let its proposal die. Re-introduction of the bill (after modification) is planned when the State Legislature meets again. RETA may alternatively try to get the bill passed as a New Orleans city law.

Will licensing solve some of the serviceman's problems? Lovisiana technicians feel it will, if the technicians themselves, rather than polificians and bureaucrats, administer the bill

# Auto Radio Service Notes 

## Suggestions from Readers on Antenna Installation and Repairs, Interference and Static Elimination

## Handy Tool for Trim Nuts

Many of the trim nuts on auto radio antennas have only two drilled holes providing for tightening. The use of pliers for this job invariably results in marring of the car's finish. To avoid such unpleasantness, we make up two instantly adjustable

wrenches from large steel safety pins, like those used by laundrymen These tools will accommodate the trim nuts in general use.

Cut off both prongs of the snap end even with the catch. File them down enough to fit the holes in the nuts, and bend them as shown. By poking points $A$ and $B$ down into the two holes in the trim nut, then swinging the tool like an open end or spanner wrench, keeping the handle elevated, the surface finish surrounding the nut will not be scratched.-Harry J. Miller, Sarasota. Fla.

## Aufo Radio Power Supply

Repairing auto radios was a problem for me, until I licked it. I had no 6 v dc power supply and did not intend to purchase one, since I do not repair many auto radios. What I do now is remove the vibrator and rectifier tube from the auto radio being serviced. Then I feed 6.3 v ac to the input of the set, and apply a B+ voltage to the rectifier output. The two sets of voltages are obtained from a variable voltage supply I have built for experimental purposes (but they might as readily come from other sources available in
the technician's shop).
When the trouble lies in the power supply (as indicated by normal operation of the set when hooked up as just described), resistance checks will generally locate the defect.Richard D. Peressini, Fairview, N.J.
( $A \mathrm{pm}$ speaker will have to be substituted, if the set uses an em type.-Ed.)

## Substifute Anfenna Coil

On numerous occasions, a bad antenna coil is discovered in an auto radio. The motorist wants the set fixed in a hurry. An exact replacement may not be on hand, nor easily available. On such occasions, I have found the conventional radio-frequency choke coil a highly efficient and satisfactory "universal" substitute.
To cite an example: a Chevrolet auto radio, model 985538 , was found to have a defective antenna coil. A 2.5 mh radio-frequency choke with 4 pies on it was connected in its place, as shown in the sketch below.


The grid of the 6SA7 tube was connected between the first and second "pie," (counting from bottom). The lead at the top end of the uppermost "pie" went to the antenna. The remaining (bottom) lead was connected to the AVC circuit, as shown. After completion of the repair, the set was given a thorough test. It performed perfectly.

The rfc coil illustrated permits a measure of adjustment on the individual receiver, since the number of pies placed in the circuit may be varied. The unit thus becomes a good "universal" type antenna coil to keep on hand.-Joseph Amorose, Richmond, Va.

## Simpler Anfenna Installation

A short cut to the installation of radio antennas on 1952 and 1953 Ford cars (as well as Plymouths) may be described as follows: After drilling the hole for the erection of the aerial, lift the hood and poke the aerial down into the space between the V-shaped metal splash pan and the fender. Poke the aerial up through the hole, then drop the rubber grommet plastic cap, metal cap and holding nut down over the aerial. Now the aerial can be held with one hand, while a wrench is used to tighten the hold-down nut that locks the assembly.

Some technicians drill the hole, insert the aerial from the top, then spend a lot of time poking around the innards and splash pan under the hood, to get the locking assembly over the bottom of the aerial. They are thus forced many times to remove the splash pan, whereas my method avoids this time-wasting procedure.-Harvey Muller, Danboro, Pa.

## Obscure Stafic Source

An elusive noise on a car radio was finally traced to static electricity in the car. Seems like the rear end collects the static charge because it is insulated, save through the universal joints, which do not make a good ground; static generated in this area is picked up by the antenna. The trouble was eliminated with the aid of a 20 -inch web-type battery ground strap. The terminal end of the strap was attached to the front " $U$ "-bolt of the left rear spring; the surface of the frame above the bolt was well cleaned, and the other end of the strap fastened in place with a sheet metal screw.-Stanley Clark Service, East Bradenton, Fla.

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# Shop Hints to Speed Servicing 

## Tips for Home and Bench Service Contributed by Readers

## Tip on Cułting Screws

When a hacksaw is used to reduce the length of a screw to the size desired for a particular job, the starting thread left after cutting is frequently so badly jammed that a nut cannot be threaded on. To pre-

vent this, thread a nut of the right size on the screw before cutting, as shown in A. After cutting, when the starting thread has been crushed by the hacksaw blade (see $B$ ), the nut is simply threaded off the screw. In coming off, the nut will clean the thread, as shown in C.-M. G. Goldberg, St. Paul, Minn.

## Battery Care For <br> Self-Charging Portables

On G.E. self-charging portables, I have had complaints to the effect that the battery becomes prematurely discharged, and possibly ruined. I have found that customers have a habit of pulling the plug out to shut off the set, instead of first turning the switch to the "off" position. When the receiver is left "on" or in the "charge" position while it is not plugged in, the relatively small leakage current through the set's dry-dise rectifiers tends to discharge the battery. Turning the switch to the "off" position when the receiver is not in use will prevent this.-S. Sandler. Providence R $I$.

## Buzz Elimination

We had a complaint of excessive buzz on an Admiral 19F1 chassis. Examination showed the buzz to be present on off-channel settings of the tuner, as well as when a signal was being received. The buzz, which was not sync clatter, became more marked with maximum settings of the volume control. Don't waste your

time checking the sync or other circuits; the trouble is in the audio. The trouble spot is an unshielded lead going from the tap on the volume control to the grid (pin 1) of the 1st audio amplifier, 6AV6. We replaced this lead with a length of coaxial cable, which was grounded at both ends of the shield; however, ordinary shielded audio wire can be used.-Paul Leichter, Philadelphia, Penna.

## Horizontal Jitter

Sparton Chassis 27D213: A jellylike jitter of the picture in a sidewise direction was evident on strong audio signals, following the replacement of condenser C-73 in the audio output stage. This symptom was particularly evident when the volume control was turned up. The two sections of C-73 are respectively the screen and cathode bypass condensers for the 6V6 sound output tube, V-15. The trouble arose be-

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cause the ground terminal for this tube was too near the 6AL5 horizontal phase detector, V-25. Apparently the ground currents of the audio tube mingled with the ground currents of the phase detector.
A heavy piece of shielding braid was connected to each of the grounding lugs and returned to the chassis near the cathode resistor ground of V-15, the sound output tube. This extra grounding minimized the audio ground loop and eliminated the symptom.-James A. McRoberts, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Screwdriver Improvement

Considerable burring of all types of Phillips-head screws often results from slippage of the Phillips-head screwdrivers. The slippage may be decreased considerably by fling down the tips of the no. 1 and no. 2 screwdrivers about $1 / 32 \mathrm{in}$. This measure will insure better traction in the screw heads.-A. Ringel, Culver City, California.

## Unique HV Standoff

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# COLOR SHORTS 

## NEW DEFLECTION YOKE FOR

 19-IN. TUBES provides improved convergence characteristics according to the manufacturer, General Instrument Corp. The product of research in an optical laboratory especially set up for such design, the yoke is suitable for use with the three current types of 3 -gun tubes;
the planar mask type, the monoconvergence shadow-mask type, and the type in which the color phosphors are applied directly to the curved face. The complete yoke with plastic case removed is being held by Edgar Messing, General Instrument exec.

21-IN. SETS FOR ABOUT $\$ 500$ IN '55: That's the prediction of Barney Balaban, prexy of Paramount Pictures. Paramount is 50 -percent owner of Chromatic TV Labs, developers of the single-gun Lawrence color crt (Chromatron). The prediction is based on the use of the Chromatron . . . Chromatic has issued a full data-specification sheet on development type PDF 21-3, the rectangular glass-shell version of their single-gun tube. Diagonal of the viewing area is about 18 in .

INTEREST AMONG TECHNICIANS in color TV remains high in Kansas, Missouri and Southern Illinois, reports the Hoffman Sales Corp. of Missouri, as evidenced by the success of the six color schools in this area now being conducted by this outfit. As an example, David Doss, Hoffman gen. mgr., points to an attendance of 300 during the first week of the St. Louis training program, which corresponded with the opening of the vacation season. Sec-ond-week attendance was 400. Program will run for 10 weeks, each class is for a 3 -hour period.

ANDREA'S 19-IN. COLOR SET will be ready for sale this fall, according to F. A. D. Andrea, the firm's prexy. Production on the $15-\mathrm{in}$. set, announced in April Color Shorts, has been dropped. "Developments in the television field," says Andrea, "have confirmed my early convictions to the effect that a small screen would not sell and is not a practical investment .... I sincerely believe that this larger pictu:e is the ideal size to start with."

CLOSED-CIRCUIT TV SYSTEMS for educational and industrial applications can now operate in full color. As a result of a recent patent license agreement with CBS, GE is now making such equipment. The color system used is not similar to the present commercial one approved by the FCC. Instead it is based on the old field-sequential system formerly given FCC approval. GE says this technique was chosen after comparative field tests because it provides superior color reproduction, makes possible better image detail and offers the user lower initial-equipment and operating costs . . . GE has also shipped complete color slide origination equipment to KING-TV, Channel 5 , Seattle, Wash., will also ship color film origination equipment. KINGTV will begin regular color programming by early fall.

DU MONT NETWORK begins color telecasts this fall. Programs will originate from WABD, Channel 5, Du Mont's New York outlet. Dr. Du Mont feels that development of economical large-screen color pix tubes is breaking the log-jam in color TV. Receivers under this brand name, using the 19 -in. Chroma-Sync Teletron, are expected to be available this fall:

TESTING REQUIREMENTS and test procedures for color-TV took up all of the June issue of the Technician's Timesaver, monthly testequipment publication of Simpson Electric Co. Typical response curves and test set-ups are illustrated for color sets. Use of the Chromatic Probe and Chromatic Amplifier in adapting existing test instruments for color service is also illustrated.

CBS VERSION OF THE 3-GUN TUBE, designated 15HP22, is the subject of a 4 -page data and application folder released by that manufacturer. As we go to press, CBS also announces a 19 -in. version of their 3 -gun design. This larger crt is being designated Colortron 205.

MOTOROLA MOBILE LAB is touring the country to check color TV performance and reception conditions under a wide variety of local conditions. These "on-location" checks are being conducted, says the manufacturer, because it is impossible to simulate interference,

snow and fringe problems, together with their effects on color reception, in the fixed-installation engineering department. The mobile lab truck, in addition to $\$ 20,000$ worth of elaborate testing gear, carries a full staff of engineers and technicians.

BIGGER PIX, LOWER PRICE: More news from Motorola comes in the form of an announcement of 3 color receivers, all using the CBS $19-\mathrm{in}$. color tube and each selling below $\$ 1000$ or below previously announced prices for sets using 15 in. pix tubes. Basic price for one of these sets is $\$ 895$.

Paul L. Galvin, Motorola prexy, in making the announcement also predicted his company would sell 25,000 of these color sets this fall. However, he still expects his monochrome receivers to outsell the new color models by a ratio of about 25 to 1 .

Decision to market color now, after a wait-and-see period, was prompted by availability of larger crt, increase in color TV programming, and ability to market at a reasonable price.


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## SERVICE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## LIETA Code of Ethics

New members of the Long Island Electronic Technicians Association, 88 Fourth Street, Oceanside, N.Y., subscribe to the group's Code of Ethics when they sign their applications. Some points covered in the code: employment of qualified personnel, with no students working as master technicians; avoidance of trick advertising; 90 -day guarantee on repairs to customers, including itemized bill; use of replacement parts of suitable quality.

LIETA News, published monthly, now includes a page for the ladies. Contributions are by members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, made up of wives and daughters of regular members.

## RTI'G Uses TECH'N Piece

The Radio \& Television Technician's Guild, 315 North 24th Street, Gadsden, Alabama, has been granted permission to reproduce TECHNICIAN's March editorial, So Much for So Little, as an ad in the local paper, The Gadsden Times. The organization feels such use of the editorial will help the local serviceman. The request came from Guy Brooks, RTTG Secy. President of the Guild is F. F. Hall.

## NATESA Organizing Guide

Having trouble getting a service association rolling in your area? National Alliance of Television \& Electronic Service Associations, 5908 S. Troy St., Chicago 29, Ill., will send you a copy of its booklet, Here's How, which lists a dozen steps to establishing a local association. A sample constitution and examples of promotional material and other forms actually used by some groups are included. The booklet stresses the need for local organizations, as well as nation-wide affiliation and representation in this nation-wide industry. NATESA, however, does not accept member-
ship from individual technicians, as such, but only from operators of service businesses, whether they are one-man set-ups or larger.
Membership in NATESA, by a local group, is $\$ 25$ per year. Associate membership for individual service companies operating in areas where a local association does not exist is permitted. Such individual membership has been reduced from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 5$ a year.

## Welcome to ESA

The recently formed Electronic Service Association, 1763 E. Seven Mile Road, Detroit 3, Mich., is looking for members. The organization is open to "anyone engaged full time in the servicing of radio, television and electronic equipment," according to R. Aronson, Chairman of the Publicity Committee. Educational meetings and service clinics are being planned for the future. Prexy is Ralph L. Carew; corresponding secy. is T. T. Czarnecki.

## TSDA Elections

Installed at the June dinner and meeting of the Television Service Dealers Association of Philadelphia, 6021 Ogontz Ave., Philadelphia, Penna., were the new officers elected to serve for 1954-55. They were Charles Kneell (president), Edward Strychowski (vice president), Harrison Neel (treasurer) and Martin Benoff (secretary).
TSDA has approved a bill to be proposed to the city council, for the purpose of controlling bait advertising. Drafted by the association's legal counsellors, the proposed ordinance would put the squeeze on phoney ads by unethical service operators.

## RTSA Subscribes

The Radio \& TV Service Association, 9302 Dartmouth Avenue, Tampa 4, Florida, has sent in a group of subscriptions to TECHNI-

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CIAN. The accompanying letter says, in part: "The object of our organization is to better acquaint the general public with TV and to inform all servicemen in this area with up-to-date service information. We feel assured that a subscription to TECHNICIAN is one of the better ways of acquainting our servicemen with the latest, up-todate information." The letter is signed by Ray Murphy, secy.

Other RTSA officers are L. W. Van Slyck, pres.; Benny Diaz, vice pres.; and Charles Stump, treas. Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month.

## TSE Doings

According to The Supreme Effort, organ of Television Service Engineers, 307 Shukert Building, Kansas City, Mo., chronic absenteeism from meetings will be a cause for suspension of membership. This ruling was incorporated in the new bylaws. Such rules, which have beer adopted by other associations, seem to be part of a trend to establish healthy active groups rather than paper organizations ...TSE will run free want ads in its paper for qualified technicians who are seeking employment.

An item in The Supreme Effort lauds "Sol Heller, managing editor of Caldwell-Clements great magazine, TECHNICIAN," for the work "he and his staff are doing to better the position and lighten the load of the service man and shop owner . . . (TECHNICIAN) really fills the bill. For instance there is in the June copy several suggestions as to how to combat the summer slump . . . not hairbrain schemes or get-richquick ideas, but solid businessbuilders."

The business-builder material was prepared by J. L. Stoutenburgh, consulting editor.

## rtgli Ad Policy

The Guild, monthly organ of the Radio Television Guild of Long Island, Box 87, Bethpage, N.Y., accepts ads only from those wholesalers and jobbers who observe a code of fair practices that excludes cutprice sales direct to the public. One-third of a page in the June issue was left blank except for this brief notice inserted in the larger area of white paper: "But for his over-the-counter sales, this space could have been occupied by another distributor."


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| general electric, ELECTRONICS DIVISION, syracuse, n.y. | ST.2A | PROBE AND AC: +0 , $-20 \%$ FROM 20 CPSTO 500 KC. $+0,-50 \%$ FROM 20 CPS TO 1 MC. DC: $+0,-20 \%$ FROM 0 TO 500 KC | 0 TO 100 KC AT FULL GAINSETTING $-20 \%$ FROM 20 CPS TO 100 KC AT ANY GAINSET TING | AC INPUT: . 015 RMS $\mathrm{V} / \mathrm{AN}$. DCINPUT: 2 RMS $V / \mathbb{N}$. PROBE: 2 RMS V/IN. | . 4 RMS V/IN. | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \mathrm{CPS} \text { गO } \\ & 100 \mathrm{KC} \end{aligned}$ | AC INPUT: I MEG, 36 MMFD. DC INPUT: 1 MEG, 80 MMFD AT MAX. GAIN SETTING. PROBE: 1 MEG, 10 MMFD . | 10 MEG, 35 MMFD | 5 IN . | \$327.50 |
| heath company. BENTON HARBOR, MICH. | 0-9 | $\pm 2$ DB, 10 CPS TO 2 MC: $\pm 6$ DB, 5 CPS TO 3 MC | 500 KC <br> $\pm 6 \mathrm{DB}, 10 \mathrm{CPS}$ TO | . $025 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{IN}$. AT 1 KC | . $6 \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{IN} . /$ AT 1 KC | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \text { CPS TO } \\ & 50,000 \text { CPS } \end{aligned}$ | 47 MMFD SHUNTING 2 MEG AT XI POSITION. 35 MMFD SHUN. TING 2 MEG, AT X10-100 POS. | 25 MMFD SHUNTING 1 MEG | 5 IN . | \$ 59.50 |
| HICKOK ELECTRICAL INSTRU. MENT CO., 10514 DUPONT AVE. CLEVELAND 8, OHIO | 685 | $.5 \text { CPS TO } 700 \mathrm{KC}$ $\text { WITHIN } 3 \text { DB }$ |  | . 02 RMS V/IN. | . 03 RMS V/IN. | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \mathrm{CS} \text { TO } \\ & 50 \mathrm{KC} \end{aligned}$ | $15 \mathrm{MMFD}, 2.2 \mathrm{MEG}$. | 52 MMFD, . I MEG | 5 IN . | \$129.50 |
|  | ${ }^{670}$ | DC.TO 600 KC , WITHIN <br> 3 DB. USEFUL BEYOND 5 MC | 0-250 KC | $.015 \mathrm{RMS} \mathrm{V} / \mathbb{N}$. (DIRECT: 12 RMS V/IN.) | . 07 RMS V/IN. <br> (DIRECT: 13 RMS <br> $\mathrm{V} / \mathbf{I N}$. ) | $3 \text { CPS TO }$ $50 \mathrm{KC}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2.2 MEG, } 30 \text { MMFD. } \\ & \text { (DIRECT: } 3.3 \text { MEG) } \end{aligned}$ | 1 MEG, 35 MMFD. (DIRECT: 3.3 MEG) | 5 IN . | \$244.00 |
| HYCON MFG. CO., 2961 EAST COLORADO ST., pasadena 8, calif. | 613 | NARROW-BAND: 20 CPS TO 500 KC ; WIDEBAND: FLAT WITHIN 2 DB FROM 20 CPS TO 4 MC |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { NARROW-BAND: OIV } \\ & \text { P.P PER INCH? } \\ & \text { WIDE-BAND: } 0.1 \mathrm{~V} \\ & \text { P.P. PER INCH } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \mathrm{CPS} \text { TO } \\ & 100 \mathrm{KC} \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 3 IN . | \$260.00 |
| JACKSON ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO., DAYTON 2, OHIO | CRO. 2 | FLAT WITHIN I DB FROM 20 CPS THROUGH 4.5 MC |  | AT 20 CPS TO 4.5 MC SETTING, SENSITIVITY RANGES ARE . $15,1.5$, 15 RMS V/IN. | . 4 RMS V/IN. | 20 CPS THROUGH 50 KC | 1.5 MEG SHUNTED BY 20 MMFD. (DIRECT: 6 MEG SHUNTED BY 1.1 MMFO) | 1.1 MEG | 5 IN . | \$225.00 |
| PHILCO CORP., ACCESSORY division, philadelphia, pa | 58202 | 10 CPS TO 1 MC WITH. IN 6 DB | 10 CPS TO 300 KC | . 01 RMS V/IN. | . 3 RMS V/IN. | TO 100 KC |  |  | 5 IN. | \$159.95 |
|  | \$8200 | $0-750$ KC WITHIN 2 DB; 0-1 MC, WITHIN 6 DB | 20 CPS TO 80 KC WITHIN 2 DB: 10 CPS TO 125 KC WITHIN 6 DB | WITH DIRECT CABLE: $05 \vee$ RMS $/ \mathbb{N}$. WITH LOW-CAP. PROBE: . 5 RMS $V / \mathbb{I N}$ | . 5 RMS V/IN. | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \text { CPS TO } \\ & 30,000 \text { CPS } \end{aligned}$ | WIThOUT CABLES: I MEG SHUNTED BY 25 MMFD. WITH LOW-CAP. PROBE: I MEG SHUNTED BY 10 MMFD | . 5 MEG SHUNTED BY 35 MMFD | 3 IN . | \$149.50 |





| SWEEP WIDTH RANGE | marker faciutits | OTHER FEATURES | PRICE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-15 MC | 3.2-250 MC | LINEAR SWEEP. COMBINATION UNIT INCLUDES OSCIILOSCOPE. OUTPUT, 0.5 V . | \$466.00 |
| TO 25 MC AT LOW END; |  | unear sweep. phasing control range, 1 a 0 degrees. return retrace BLANKING SWITCH. MINIMUM OUTP'JT, I V (PEAK-TO-PEAK). | \$289.50 |
| 0.1 MC (NARROW BAND), <br> 0.15 MC (WIDE BAND). | ACCOMMODATETS 4 SNITEH selecteo ext. Crystals. | phasing control. return retrace blaniling. 2-mC \& 4.5.mC CRYSTALS in. cludeo. crystal calibrated. | 5139.75 |
| 0-12 MC OR BETIER |  | linear outpjut. phasing control range, 160 degraej. return trace blanking control. | \$274.50 |
| 0-15 MC | 3.3-250 MC; INPJT FOR CRYSTAL. | PHASING CONTROL. RETURN TRACE BLANKING CONTROL. 400 CPS MODULATION Of r-F Generator avallable at $30 \%$. ACCuracy $0.1 \%$ when calibrated WITH 5-MC CRYSTAL. DIAL AISO MARKED IN HARMOVICS FOR UHF USE. | \$325.00 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 0-600 KC (FM) } \\ & 0-15 \mathrm{MC} \text { (TV) } \end{aligned}$ |  | LINEAR SWEEP. PHASING CONIROL MAXIMUM OUTPUT 0.1 V . SWEEP OUTPUT FOR SYNEHRONIZING OSCIHOSCOPE. | \$139.50 |
| 0-75 MC | 400-930 MC | LINEAR SWEEP. RETJRN TRACE BLAN SING. SWEEP OUTPUT FOR SYNCHRONIZING OSCILIOSCOPE. MARSER ACCURICY CALIBRATED TO $\pm 0.25 \%$ OR BETTER. SEP. ARATĒ MARKER AMPLITUDE CONTROL | \$450.00 |
| 0-12 MC | FUNDAMENTALS: $3.5-4.9 \mathrm{MC}$ 19.5-48.6 MC; HARMONICS NAL | PHASINS CONTROL. MARKER AMPLTUDE CONTROL 000 CPS MODULATION AVAILABLE FOQ R.F GENERATOR SECTION, OR AS SEPARATE AUDIO. SWEEP OUTPUT FON OR PIP-TYPE MARCERS. DJJAL MARYERS AVAILABLE. | \$199.50 |
| 0-12 MC | Exterval | PHASING CONTROL. SWEEP OJTPJT FOR SYNCHRONIZING OSCIILOSCOPE. | \$114.50 |
| 0-10 mC |  | unear sweep. piasinj covirol ranjé, 165 degrees. ojipjt to 0.1 V . return trace blanking switch. | \$199.50 |


| MANUFACTURER | mODEL | COUNTER OR | DOES TESTER CHECK DYNAMIC mUTUAL CONJUSTANCE | SPECIAL FEATURES | NOTES | PRICE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC DEVEIOPMENT CO. 334-336 S. MAIN ST., FT. ATKINSOV, WIS. | TV-20 | portable | YEs | GAS DEtECTION CIRCUIT |  | S124.50 |
| ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT CO., INC., 84 WITHERS ST., BROOKLYN II, N.Y. | 625 | PORTABLE | NO | spare blank socket provided for future TUBE TYPES | KIT WITH COUNTER DISPLAY CASE, 544.95 ; FACTORY-WIRED, $\$ 59.95$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { KIT, } \$ 34.95 ; \\ & \text { FACTRY- WIRED, } \$ 19.95 \end{aligned}$ |
| ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS CORP. 280 LAFAYETTE ST., N. Y. 12, N.Y. | 208 | PORTABLE | No | matches and checks hi-fi tubes such as 1614, KT66 AND 5881 |  | \$ 24.90 |
|  | 206* | PORTABLE | Yes | tests tubes for Gas, noise | AVAILABLE WITH SIOPING COU̇NTER CASE AT 579.50 | \$83.50 |
| HEATH COMPANY, BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN | TC-2* | COUNTER | NO | SPARE BLANK SOCKET PROVIDED FOR FJTURE TUBE TYPES | PORTABLE MODEL, $\mathbf{5 3 4 . 5 0}$ | \$ 29.50 |
| hickok electrical instrument co. 10514 DUPONT AVE., CLEVELAND B, OHIO | 600A | PORTABLE | yes | CONTAINS BIAS POTENTIOMETER | MODEL 6O5A OFFERS SAME FEATURES, BUT CONTAINS MULTIMETER IN ADDITIOV. UNIT MEASURES CAPACI-tance-Inductance. Price, $\$ 189.50$ | \$184.00 |
|  | 533AC* | Counter | YES | tests tubes for noise, gas, life expectancy | avallable in portabie model, same price | \$185.80 |
| JACKSON ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO. DAYTON, OHIO | 715 | portable | yes | PROVIDES C-R TUBE TEST; SPARE SOEKETS, CIRCJITS for future use |  | 579.50 |
|  | 468 | portable | yes | TESTS TUBES FOR LIFE EXPECTANCY; PROVIDES SIMPLIFIED OPERATION VIA "SEQUENCE SWITCH" |  | 5104.50 |
| PHILCO CORP, ACCESSORY DIV, PHILA, PA. | 7052 | COUNTER | YES | TESTS TUBES FOR LIFE EXPCCTANCY |  | \$187.50 |
|  | 9100 | PORTABLE | YES | TESTS TUBES FOR LIFE EXPECTANCY |  | \$189.50 |
| PRECISION APPARATUS CO., INC., 92-27 horace harding bivd., eimhurist, n.y. | SERIES 10.12P | portable | YES | high speed roller chart, extractor fuse post | WITH MUITIMETER, \$139.50 | 5107.50 |
|  | SERIES $612^{*}$ | Portable | NO | PROVIDES NOISE AND CONDENSER TESTS | WITH MULTIMETER, \$107.00 | 576.75 |
| RADIO CITY PRODUCTS CO., INC. 152 WEST 25TH ST., N. Y. 1, N.Y. | 324 | portable | no | provides C-r tube reactivator | COMBINATION PORTABLE-COUNTER MODEL, 579.50 | \$ 67.95 |
|  | 8084* | portable | No | PROVIDES OHMMETER, C-R TUBE REACTIVATOR, VTVM. TESTS CRT FOR' SHORTS, LEAKS |  | S 99.95 |
| SIMPSON ELECTRIC CO. 5200 W. KINZIE ST., CHICAGO 44, ILL. | 1000 | Portable | tests oynamic plate con. ductance, which is related to mutual conductance | NEW ROLL CHART AVAILABLE EACH YEAR; COMPLImentary roll chart supplements provided at REGULAR INTERVALS |  | \$ 135.05 |
| SUPERIOR INSTRÜMENTS CO., 2435-41 WHITE PLAINS RD.,'N. Y. 67, N.Y. | TV. 11 | portable | No | Checks condenser leaxage |  | \$ 47.50 |
| Syivania electric products, inc., 254 RANO ST., BUFFALO, N.Y. | 220 | portable | YES | NEW SETTINGS REGULARLY PUBLISHED IN "SYIVANIA NEWS" CAN bE READILY RECORDED ON ROILER CHART | COUNTER-TYPE TESTER 219 has SAME CHARACTER. istics anj price as the 220 | \$114.50 |
| TRIPLETT ELECTRICAL INSTRUMENT CO., BLUFFTON, OHIO | 3413-A | portable | NO | PROVIDES ADAPTER FOR TESTING C-R TUBES |  | \$ 79.50 |
|  | 3423 | portable | TESTS PROPORTIONAL MUTJAL CONDUCTANCE | h-f SIGNal is appled to grid of Tube, output SIGNAL IS MEASURED | TESTS TUBES USED IN RADIO-TV, INJUSTRIAL PRODUC. TION, THEATER, P.A. SYSTEMS : COMMUNICATIONS | \$199.50 |
| WESTON ELECTRICAL INSTR. CORP. 614 FREINGHUYSEN AVE., NEWARX, N.I | 981 | PORTABLE | TESTS PROPORTIONAL MUTUAL CONDUCTANCE | Provides meter measurement of high leakage RESISTANCE BETWEEN TUBE ELEMENTS | tests voltage regilator and subminiature TYPE TJ3ES | \$199.50 |

SWEEP GENERATORS (CONT'D)

| MANUFACTURER | MODEL | FREQUENCY RANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PHILCO CORP., ACCESSARY DIV., <br> "A" \& Alleghany aves., PHILA. 34, PENNA. | 7008 | $\begin{aligned} & 4-120 \mathrm{MC}, \\ & 145-260 \mathrm{MC} \end{aligned}$ |
|  | G8002 | 470-890 MC |
| PRECISION APPARATUS CO., INC., 92-27 horace harding bivd., elmhurst, N.Y. | E-400 | 2-240 MC (FUNDAMENTALS), 240-430 MCONHARMONICS |
| RADIO CORP. OF AMERICA, harrison, N.J. | WR-59C | $300 \mathrm{KC}-50 \mathrm{MC}$; SWITCH SELECTION OF VHF CHAN. NELS: $54.88 \mathrm{MC}, 174.216 \mathrm{MC}$. |
| SIMPSON ELECTRIC CO. 5200 W. KINZIE ST., CHICAGO 44, ILL | 479 | $\begin{aligned} & 2-120 \mathrm{MC} \\ & 140-260 \mathrm{MC} \end{aligned}$ |
| SyIVANIA ELECTRIC PRODUCTS, INC. 254 RANO ST., BUFFALO, N.Y. | 500 | 2-230 MC |
| TELONIC INDUSTRIES, 444 S. RURAL ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IND. | *SM-2 | 375-950 MC |
| TRIPLETT ELECTRICAL INSTR. CO. bLUFFION, OHIO | 3434-A | 0-240 MC |
|  | 3435 | 0-240 MC |
| WESTON EEECTRICAL INSTR. <br> 614 FRELINGHUYSEN AVE,, NEWARK 5, N.J. | 984 | 1J-POSITIONS, PRE-SET. ONE POSIIION VARIABLEIO SOME FORI.F. OTHER POSITIO Y F FR 12 VHF CHANNELS \& 2 FOR E. |

OTHER MODELS AVAILABLE.




## New Antennas

## TV Types E Installation Items; Converters E Connectors

## Channel Master UHF ANTENNA

The Twin Multi-Bow, model 4108 , is an 8 -bay bow tie with screen. The large screen contributes to the

antenna's gain, said to range from $121 / 2$ to $161 / 2 \mathrm{db}$. It also provides high front-to-back ratio. List price, \$20.83. Channel Master Corp., Ellenville, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Danforth VHF ANTENNA

The Mountie, model 38, is a yagitype 5 -element antenna made with rugged boom and elements for durability. Field tests 110 miles from transmitters are said to show good performance on all 12 VHF channels. Danforth Mfg. Co., Monmouth, Ill.-TECHNICIAN

## Walsco WINDOW CONNECTOR

Window-Thru bushing allows servicemen to bring antenna wires into a home without drilling holes. The durable bushing attaches to

any window in a few minutes, is effective for VHF and UHF. Weatherproof capacitor discs attach to the window pane; windows can be
opened and closed without breaking wires. Packaged with window-pane cement and instructions. List price, 99 cents. Walsco Electronics Corp., 3602 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles 36, Calif.-TECHNICIAN

## Ameco ANTENNA COUPLERS

Two 2-set couplers operate 2 receivers from 1 antenna while retaining impedance match and avoiding mutual interference. Model C-2, \$1.84 list; model C-2B (bi-filar wound for low insertion loss), $\$ 3.30$ list.
Two antenna crossover networks permit joining UHF and VHF antennas to a single transmission line. One model is for 2 antennas ( 1 UHF, 1 VHF); another model is for


3 antennas (1 UHF, 1 VHF lowband, 1 VHF high-band). Model UV-2 (double-tie), $\$ 3.25$ list; mode] UV-3 (triple-tie), $\$ 3.85$ list.
Also available: "Thru-Window" coupler for passing antenna signal into house without drilling holes. List price, \$1.48. American Electronics Co., 1203 Bryant Ave., New York 59, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## GI HIDDEN UHF CONVERTER

The Tuck-A-Way, a low-cost allchannel UHF converter, can be installed behind, on either side or on top of the TV set. Dial and switch are positioned on top, making them accessible in any position. Continuous tuning covers channels 14-83. General Instrument Corp., 829 Newark Ave., Elizabeth 3, N.J.TECHNICIAN

## Granco UHF CONVERTER

Model LCU-A features high-ratio finger-tip tuning, slide-rule tuning dial, two-cavity coaxial tuner to cover the UHF band continuously with a low noise figure, stability and
signal amplification. Offered at $\$ 29.95$ list (mahogany) and $\$ 32.95$ (blond). Granco Products Inc., 36-17 20 Avenue, L. I. City 5, N.Y.-TECHNICIAN

## JFD UHF ANTENNA

This new high-gain 8 -bow antenna with screen features an ad-

justable calibrated slide for peaking of any one or any group of UHF channels. The pre-assembled unit is said to have a sharp directivity pattern with 18 db of back rejection. Model UHF-308 lists for $\$ 25.95$. JFD Mfg. Co., 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Peerless INDOOR ANTENNA

The Diron Golden Wand is designed for operation on all VHF and FM channels without individual adjustment for different frequencies, includes 12 ft . of 300 -ohm twin lead.


Available in gold finish, model DV11G, or black, model DV11B. List price, $\$ 9.95$. Peerless Products Industries, 812 Pulaski Rd., Chicago 51, Ill--TECHNICIAN

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# "Tough Dog" Corner 

## Difficult Service Jobs Described by Readers

## Double Trouble

This set came into our shop with the customer's complaint that it would break out every so often into a double picture horizontally. When the set broke down in the shop after a half hour wait, I noticed an effect similar to that of a ghost. However, with no video present, the same effect could be seen on the raster. There appeared to be two rasters present, one displaced from the other by about one inch. With video present, the horizontal hold control showed normal action. What made matters tough was that, when an effort was made to troubleshoot, the

set snapped back to normal. Introduction of a probe apparently disturbed the fault. There was then another long wait for the set to break down again.

The next time the set broke down, I used hand capacity near the horizontal oscillator circuit. The set again returned to normal. After considerable probing, it was found that the most sensitive area was in the vicinity of the horizontal linearity coil. The two capacitors connected to this coil ( 0.035 mfd and 0.05 mfd ) were checked on a condenser bridge and found to be good. This left the coil itself, which we felt must be setting up some kind of parasitic oscillation. A 470 -ohm, 2 -watt resistor was shunted across the coil to load it down. The set then operated normally for a long test period; then was delivered to the customer. There have been no call-backs.-Joseph F. Valenti, Bronx, N. Y.

## B \& W Pix OK, No Color

Here is an early Tough-Dog case on a color TV receiver. After we received our first RCA CT100 color set, we enjoyed beautiful color reception
for about a month. Then one day we turned the set on (during a color program) to get a beautiful monochrome picture, but no color. Frantically we began to change tubes in the color section of the receiver, but to no avail. Before we could progress any further, the 15 -minute color broadcast was over. During subsequent color programs, we checked voltages and undertook other troubleshooting, but could find no defect.

When we finally got in our color bar generator, we hooked it up to the set and, to our surprise, got excellent results. We saw the full range of color bars, as specified in the instruction manual. The set's hue control had normal range. After a few days of thinking it over, the right idea finally popped up. The day before the defect was first noted, there had been some moving around of sets and antenna wires in the showroom where the color receiver was located. The belief that the difficulty was due to trouble in the antenna system was supported by the presence of colored snow off channel.

The next time a color program was on, the trouble was located. It turned out to be a trap in our master antenna system which was tuned to eliminate Channel-5 interference from Channel 4, a problem which is common in our area. In the process of moving around, someone had nailed the trap to the wall. This apparently detuned the trap enough to kill the color subcarrier for Channel 4 without noticeably affecting monochrome video signal. When the trap was removed, color came back perfectly.-Donald E. Tucker, Washington, D.C.
> \$ For Your "Tough Dog Story" Have you tangled with a difficult or obscure service problem recently? Write it up, telling us how you licked it, and send it to "Tough Dog" Editor, TECHNICIAN, Cald-well-Clements, Inc., 480 Lexingion Ave., New York 17, N.Y. $\$ 10$ will be paid for usable material. Unacceptable items will be returned to the contributor.


## Open Winding, Weak RF

The favorite expression customers use is, "There must just be a wire loose in the set." How right they were on this one!

An RCA 6-T-53 came in with a very snowy and indistinct picture. Used with rabbit ears, it was unusually sensitive as to position of the aerial. A complete check of tubes and voltages showed nothing abnormal. On our outside antenna in the shop, Syracuse (some 50 miles away) came in very poorly; the local station showed an excellent picture. The trouble seemed to be in the front end, but where?


The antenna matching unit shows provision for both 72 -ohm and $300-$ ohm lines. You will note on the diagram that the winding for a $72-\mathrm{ohm}$ input, connected between points 1 and 5 , is shorted out when the 300 ohm input is used. However-and here is the sticker-both coils are wound together to make up the bifilar matching transformer. With one side of the 72 -ohm coil open, even though this side was shorted out by the jumper on the connector, the wrong impedance was reflected back into the 300 -ohm winding. Hence, a mismatch was created.

When this one little open wire was connected-bango-normal reception returned.-Stanley T. Curtis, Utica, New York

## MODEL ES-520

The new ES-520 is PRECISION-engineered in response to long and growing demand for a eliable, factory-made, general purpose 'scope at a price within reach of all to whom initial investment is of extreme importance.
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* Push.Pull vertical drive. 20 millivolts per inch sensitivity.
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The famous ES-500A incorporates advanced engineering features and refinements so necessary to meet the more critical needs of modern electronic circuit analysis, AM FM and TV.

SERIES ES-500A: in louveren, black ripple-finished, heavy gauge steel case, $81 / 4 \times 14 \frac{1}{2} \times 18^{\prime \prime}$. Complete with removable light shield, calibrating mask and detailed Instruction manual_Net Price: $\mathbf{\$ 1 7 3 . 7 0}$

Excellent vertical square wave response from 20 cycles to 50 KC . * Push-pull horizontal drive. 50 millivolts per inch sensitivity. * 'H' frequency response 20 cps to 200 KC within 3 DB (at full gain). * Internal linear sweep 10 cycles to 30 KC . Neg. and pos. sweep synch. * Tube Complement: 12 AU7 ' $V$ ' cathode follower and amplifier, 6C4 phase-splitter, 12AZ7 push-pull ' $V$ ' drive. 6AB4 'H' amplifier, 12AZ7 push-pull 'H' drive. 12AU7 sweep oscillator. $6 \times 4$ rectifier, IV2 high potential rectifier, NE-51 calibration regulator, 5UP1 CR tube.

* Built-in 60 cycle sine-sweep phasing control.
* Beam modulation input terminal at front of panel.
* All 4 deflection plates directly accessible at rear.
* Filter-type, removable, calibrated graph-screen.
* Etched, anodized, heavy gauge aluminum panel.

SERIES ES-520: In black ripple finished, rugged steel cabinet, $81 / 4 \times 141 / 2 \times$ $16 \frac{1}{2} 2^{\prime \prime}$. Complete with all tubes, including 5UP1 CR tube. Comprehensive instruction manual. Code: Quest. Shipping weight: 30 lbs . Net Price: $\$ 127.50$.


## PRECISIONApparatus Company, Inc. 92-27 MORACE HARDING BLVD., ELMHURST 6, N. Y.

Export Divisions 458 Broadway, New York 13, U.S.A. Cables: Morhanex Canada: Atlas Radio Corp., Ltd., 560 King Street W., Toronto $2 B$

# New Tubes \& Accessories 

CRTs, TV Types, Tester, Carton E Ventilated Shield

## RCA UHF TRIODE

Medium-mu triode of the $9-\mathrm{pin}$, short-bulb miniature type, the $6 B C 4$, is designed for use as r-f amplifier in cathode-drive circuits

of UHF tuners. Features high gain, low noise and good isolation within the tube between input and load circuits. Tube Department, Radio Corp. of America, Harrison, N. J.TECHNICIAN

## GE TUBE CARTON

Newly designed container completely suspends the tube within its carton. An inner cardboard sleeve, built into the box, improves cushioning and protection. Container

now being used for all GE tubes. General Electric, Electronics Park, Syracuse, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Sheldon ALUMINIZED CRTs

New 10-, 12- and 20-in. aluminized pix tubes complete the manufacturer's line of aluminum crt's from $10-\mathrm{in}$. to $27-\mathrm{in}$. sizes. Added types include 10BP4C, 10BP4D, $12 \mathrm{ZP} 4, \quad 12 \mathrm{ZP} 4 \mathrm{~A}, \quad 20 \mathrm{CP} 4 \mathrm{~B}$ and

20 CP 4 D . The last 2 are said to be only ones in that size available in aluminized versions. Sheldon Electric Co., Irvington 11, N. J.TECHNICIAN

## CBS HEAVY-DUTY TUBES

Three ruggedized horizontal-output tubes, 6CU6, 12CU6, and 25CU6, are high-rated equivalents of the 6BQ6-GT, 12BQ6-GT, and 25BQ6GT. Electrical characteristics and socket-pin arrangements follow those of the prototypes, but the new tubes are said to provide longer life, withstand higher pulse voltages and momentary overloads. CBSHytron, Danvers, Mass.-TECHNICIAN

## Sylvania 21 ATP4

New 21-in. rectangular glass-shell crt features filter glass spherical faceplate, aluminized screen, electrostatic focus, magnetic deflection and external conductive coating. Shorter neck length ( $203 / 8 \mathrm{in}$.) is due to use of 90 -degree deflection angle. Picture area: 263 sq. in. Typical voltages: 2 nd-anode- 16 kv ; grid no. 2-300 v. Picture Tube Div., Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Seneca Falls, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Precise TRANSISTOR KIT

Kit model T1 includes equipment (transistors, transformers, coils, etc.) necessary for the purchaser to acquire basic transistor knowledge through experimental and practical use. Audio one-stage amplifiers, transformer-coupled amplifiers and other circuits are covered in the instruction book, along with the physics of transistors and applications. Price, $\$ 17.95$. Precise Development Corp., Oceanside, L. I., N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Rayfheon 17 AVP4

Four lbs. lighter than conventional 17 -in. monochrome crt's and $35 / 8$ in. shorter due to use of 90 -degree deflection angle, type 17AVP4 is designed for use in new-type compact TV designs. Uses electrostatic focus, magnetic deflection. Typical 2ndanode voltage, 12 kv . Receiving Tube Div., Raytheon Mfg. Co., 55 Chapel St., Newton 58, Mass.TECHNICIAN

## Methode VENTED TUBE SHIELD

Ventilator shields improve "hot" tube performance by dissipating heat; are easily handled and com-

pression fitted to ground terminals on laminated or printed circuit sockets. Available in lengths of $111 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. or $21 / 16 \mathrm{in}$. with one standard diameter to fit either 7 - or $9-\mathrm{pin}$ tubes; tin or black oxide finish. Methode Mfg. Corp., 2021 W. Churchill St., Chicago Ill.-TECHNICIAN

## AMS CRT TESTER

Portable cathode-ray tube tester, model 101, is said to provide positive indication within 90 seconds for continuity and emission. Three neon indicators and a meter provide facilities for testing of open connections, shorted elements, leakage, cathode

emission and indication of gaseous tubes. Tests can be made with crt in carton, TV set, cabinet or on the bench. Weight: $51 / 2 \mathrm{lbs}$. Authorized Manufacturers Service Co., 919 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, New York-TECHNICIAN

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faster to use, because it requires no adjustments, than conventional meters. Industrial Development Laboratories, 17 Pollock Ave., Jersey City 5, N.J.-TECHNICIAN

## SyIvania VTVM

The 302 Polymeter offers a subminiature vacuum tube r-f probe, peak-to-peak scale, 7-in. meter movement, lighted scale, a patented linearity circuit, input impedance of 17 megohms, shielded ac and r-f leads, and screw-on connectors. Changes in control arrangement speed switching. These changes include a new selector switch sequence and range switches. Reads peak-to-peak or dc from 200 millivolts to 2,800 volts, ac from 50 mv to $1,000 \mathrm{v}, \mathrm{r}-\mathrm{f}$ from 100 mv to 300 v ( 10 kc to 300 mc ), resistance from .5 ohms to 1,000 megohms and db from -20 to +61.4 . The de range may be extended to 30 kv by using the Type 225 multiplier probe. List price, \$129.50. Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., 1221 West Third Street, Williamsport, Penna.-TECHNICIAN

## Precision V-O.M

20,000 ohms per volt on dc, 5,000 ohms per volt on ac are features of model 120, 44 self-contained ranges include an extra-low resistance range ( 2 -ohm center scale); an extra-low voltage range ( 1.2 v full scale) on both ac and dc; and an extended low dc current range ( $0-60$ microamperes). Direct ac or dc voltage readings to $6,000 \mathrm{v}$; dc current to 12 amp ; resistance to 20 meg. Price, including batteries, test leads and manual: $\$ 39.95$ nef. Precision Apparatus Co., 92-27 Horace Harding Blvd.. Elmhurst, Long Island, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## RSP V-O-M

Model 480 AC-DC Multitester has 1000 ohms-per-volt sensitivity for all de measurements. Operating features include circuit and range selection by means of both selector switch and jacks, providing protection against burnout and misuse. Meter movement is built to withstand overloads. Radio City Products Co., Inc., Easton, Penna.TECHNICRAN

## Simpson COLOR ADAPTERS

New color adapter cable (Chromatic Probe) and booster amplifier are available for alignment and adjustment of color TV sets. They are externally used accessories for either the model 480 Genescope or model 479 AM-FM signal generator. These accessories quickly convert monochrome sweep marker systems to chromatic systems. Price of chromatic probe is $\$ 9.95$; booster amplifier is $\$ 24.95$. Simpson Electric Co., 5200 W. Kinzie St., Chicago 44, Ill.-TECHNICIAN

## EICO PEAK-TO-PEAK VTVM

Model 232 peak-to-peak vtvm includes the new dual-purpose ac-dc Uni-Probe. A half-turn of probe tip selects dc or ac-ohms. Features: stable push-pull bridge circuit, unaffected by voltage variation; reads peak-to-peak voltage of complex and sine waveforms, reads rms voltage of sine waves, dc voltage and resistance; center-scale zero adjustment for alignment. Specifications: dc or ac, to 1500 v in 7 ranges ( $\pm 3 \%$ accuracy); peak-to-peak, to

4200 v in 7 ranges. Response from 30 cps to 3 mc (to 250 mc with r-f probe), $\pm 5 \%$. Resistance to 1000 meg in 7 ranges, accuracy $\pm 3 \%$. Model 232-K, kit, sells for $\$ 29.95$; factory wired, $\$ 49.95$. EICO, 84 Withers St., Brooklyn, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Crest SCOPE CRT BOOSTER

Designed to improve the emission of weak cathode-ray tubes used in test oscilloscopes, this rejuvenator is of open frame construction, and may be mounted to the scope either internally or externally. Crest Laboratories, Inc., $84-11$ Rockaway Beach Blvd., Rockaway Beach 93, N.Y.TECHNICIAN

## Eby MULTIPLE TESTER

Pocket-size tester, model A1000; is said to combine functions of several instruments. Some uses: low or high ac or dc voltage measurements, signal tracer, audio oscillator, condenser checker, agc substitution

voltage supply, continuity checker. Complete with instructions, \$5.95. Eby Sales Co., 130 Lafayette St., New York 13, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Scala 2-W AY PROBE

As a direct probe, the Scala BZ-5 is designed for general troubleshooting. A flip of the switch converts it into a resistive isolating probe for visual alignment. The latter arrangement (low-pass filter) sharpens up alignment markers and cleans up noisy response curves. Scala Radio Co., 2814 19th St., San Francisco, Calif.-TECHNICIAN

## Industry Keyhole

RADIO RECEPTER CO. has changed the name of one of its divisions. The Seletron \& Germanium Div. is now being called the Semi-Conductor Div.

GRANCO PRODUCTS, of Long Island City, N. Y., mfrs of UHF converters, have opened a new plant annex right beside the original building. Production facilities are now more than doubled. Move was made necessary by brisk sale in converters and recent entry into the test-equipment field with announcement of a UHF signal-gain generator . . RIDER BOOK-DISPLAY RACK is part of a stepped-up sales campaign in paperbacks for technical readers. The rotating floor-stand merchandiser holds up to 500 books ( 66 titles), keeps all titles in full view for easy selection.

TWO HEADS: Brush Electronics Co., 3405 Perkins Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, announces 2 new magnetic heads, one for record and one for reproduce, designed to meet specs of Cinemascope applications. Details from Dept. RT-3

CORNELL-DUBILIER ELECTRIC CORP. has new vice prexy. Recent board of directors meeting elected Leslie A. Johnson to that post, also apptd. him as mgr. of new plant in Sanford, N. C.

BENDIX AVIATION CORP. will make all radios used in 1955 models of Lincoln and Mercury autos. Shipment of the 8 -tube sets begins in early fall.

HAZARD E. REEVES, prexy of Reeves Soundcraft and Cinerama, is in Europe studying latest continental developments in audio and choosing new sites for Cinerama theatres. Reeves Soundcraft got an Academy Award this spring for developing a magnetic recording system for motion pix use ... CBS-COLUMBIA has a new publications mgr. for its Service Dept. Joseph Roche, who holds the post, held a similar position with Du Mont, is co-author of the Video Handbook and the Radio Data Book $\qquad$ GENERAL CEMENT MFG. CO., 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill., has a new serve-yourself counter display for its tools. Display holds a dozen of each of 49 most popular alignment tools.

A VARIABLE A UDIO TIME DELAY, introduced by Kay Electric Co., Pine Brook, N. J., has a variety of applications. The Echo-Vox, as it is called, can be used to time speakers in auditoriums and other large areas so that objectionable echoes are eliminated. On the other hand, the unit can be used to introduce or enhance a desired echo effect . . . AEROVOX CORP. of New Bedford, Mass., has put Stanley W. Horrocks in charge of its new Special Products Div. Initial products of the division will be printed wiring and a line of ceramic power and transmitting capacitors.

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## Setting Up Public Address Sound System

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frames should be electrically insulated from those of adjoining speakers; that is to say, no metallic mounting brackets which are common to all speakers should be employed.

Shown in Fig. 6A are typical speaker connections used when matching to a low-impedance tap of the amplifier output transformer. The top circuit represents a simple paging system. The 16 -ohm source impedance is properly matched by the 16 ohm load impedance presented by the speaker.

The second-from-the-top circuit is for two (or more) loudspeakers in
parallel. When the individual impedances of each speaker connected in parallel is the same, the total impedance is equal to the impedance of any one speaker, divided by the number of speakers. In $B$, this total 16 or load impedance $=\frac{16}{2}=8$ ohms.
The next sketch shows two or more speakers in series. The total impedance presented by several speakers in series is obtained by simply adding the individual impedances. In this case, the net or load impedance $=8$ ohms +8 ohms $=16$ ohms.

Fig. 6A-Speaker matching to output transformer. B-Correct and incorrect speaker phasing.


The last sketch shows four speakers in series-parallel. The 32 ohm impedance produced by the series connection of speakers $V$ and $W$, is in parallel with the 32 -ohm impedance of speakers $X$ and $Y$ in series. The overall load therefore equals 16 ohms, and properly matches the 16 -ohm secondary of the output transformer.

When two parallel-connected speakers are not of equal impedance, divide the produce of their impedances by the sum of their impedances, to determine the net impedance they will offer. The impedance of a 4 and 16 -ohm speaker in parallel would be:

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\frac{4 \times 16}{4+16}=3.2 \mathrm{ohms}
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Where more than two speakers of differing impedance are connected in parallel, add the reciprocals of the individual impedances, and then take the reciprocal of their sum, to obtain the net impedance. The impedance of a 4,8 and 16 -ohm speaker connected in parallel would be worked out as follows:
The sum of the reciprocals of the individual impedances equals $1 / 4+$ $1 / 8+1 / 16=7 / 16$. The reciprocal of this equals $18 / 7$, which equals 2.2 ohms.

## Speaker Phasing

Phasing is concerned with the utilization of two or more loudspeakers in such a way that the sound from any one speaker does not cancel the sound of any other speakers (and create a dead area between both). This is an important consideration where speakers face the same direction. The connection to the voice coil, whether in series or parallel, must be so made that at any one instant, all diaphragms move in or out in unison. For parallel operation, the like terminals of each unit must be connected together; if the speakers are wired in series, two unlike terminals must be used as a junction. Fig. 6B illustrates these connections.

When the time to test out your system arrives, place all necessary microphones where needed and connect them to the amplifier. Determine the control settings and mike placement at which feed-back occurs with each microphone, making a note of this as a reference for you and other operators of the system. Make whatever corrections are required in output and tone control settings and microphone placement. Get comments from various people to help you in determining the success of your installa-
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## Wen SOLDERING GUN

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## Aerovox CAPACITORS

Permanently sealed Cartwheel capacitors were developed to meet the requirements of color-TV, are available in ratings up to 30 kv , and

can operate under high humidity or high temperatures. Available in a choice of sizes, voltages and capacitances, as well as several terminal styles, Hi-Q Div., Aerovox Corp., Olean, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Mueller SERVICE MIRROR

Mounted on floor stand and using a 3 -section telescoping mast, this TV mirror can be adjusted to any height from 13 to 32 in . The mirror ( 7 in . by 7 in .) swivels on a ball-and-socket joint, can be adjusted to any angle. When collapsed, the light-weight assembly can be carried in tool kit. Complete unit priced at $\$ 7.95$. Mueller Mfg. Co., 230 Tuscan Rd., Maplewood, N. J. -TECHNICIAN

## Astron CAPACITORS

Blue Point molded plastic paper capacitors are designed for continuous high-temperature operation without derating. For use where combination of small size, stability and moisture resistance are prime factors. Astron Corporation, 255 Grant Ave., East Newark, N. J.TECHNICIAN

## Phalo POWER-SUPPLY PLUG

Molded directly to the cable, this power-supply plug is ready for connection with any standard octal radio socket. The need for mechanical fitting of plug to cable is eliminated. Units available to meet any application where from 1 to 11 pins are required, with or without the phasing pin keyed for easy seating in the socket. Phalo Plastics Corp., 25 Foster St., Worcester 8, Mass.TECHNICIAN

## Teflon SPAGHETTI

High-temnerature spaghetti tubing of high dielectric strength is available in a wide range of sizes in white, black, brown, red, blue and yellow. The tubing maintains full electrical insulating characteristics even when flexed or bent during assembly and installation, will not melt, burn or decompose while soldering a joint next to it. This tubing offers resistance to water absorption, tending to repel water. Supplied on reels in lengths of 100,200 , 500 and 1,000 feet. Polymer Corp of Penna., Reading, Penna.-TECHNICIAN

## CBS TUBE CADDY

The DeLuxe Caddy incorporates several improvements over the earlier version. These include: scuffproof vinyl plastic covering; metal corner reinforcements; more space for GT tubes (caddy holds 68 GT tubes, 210 tubes in all); 1-in. deeper tool compartments; roomier door pocket for flashlight, manuals, etc.; a $10 \times 12-\mathrm{in}$. test mirror mounted inside cover; finger-notched carrying handle and non-marring rubber feet. Available from CBSHytron distributors. CBS-Hytron, Danvers, Mass.-TECHNICIAN

## Ersin SOLDER

Five-core solder in tin-lead mixtures of $60-40,50-50$ and $40-60$ are available in Service Paks, mounted on wooden spools. Activated rosin core wets metals rapidly, results in easy tinning. Packs are 50 cents each. British Industries Corp. (Multicore Sales Corp.), 164 Duane St., New York 13, N. Y.-TECHNICIAN

## Hunter SIUG RETRIEVERS

Retrieving tools for tuner slugs are now available in 3 lengths- 12 , 16 and 20 in . The longer shafts, for use in sets on which the tuning units are mounted toward the back, incorporate the same non-magnetized holding mechanism as that of the standard TV-12. To operate, the technician slips the blade of the retriever into the tuning slot and engages the head of the slug, then gives slight forward press on the handle, which causes the tip of the retriever to grip the slug. The serviceman then rotates the slug back into place. The retriever is disengaged by a backward pull on the handle. Hunter Tool Co., 6608 So. Gretna Ave., Whittier, Calif.TECHNICIAN

## Vidaire TEST SOCKET

The Adap-Test has dual sockets with 20 in. of lead extensions to bring socket voltages into the open on inaccessible tubes. Test points are numbered for identification.


Available in 3 models: AT-1 for octal tubes, AT-2 for 7-pin miniatures, AT-3 for 9 -pin miniatures. Vidaire Electronics Mfg. Co., 576 W. Merrick Rd., Lynbrook, N. Y.TECHNICIAN

## Stancor FLYBACKS

Said to be exact duplicates, physically and electrically, that do not require chassis or circuit alterations are flyback A-8239, replacement for Motorola part nos. $24 \mathrm{~K} 79-$ 2753 and 24 K 701099 , having application in over 100 Motorola models and chassis; and A-8240 replacement for Muntz part no. TO-0036. Stancor Div. of Chicago Standard Transformer Corp., Addison and Elston, Chicago 18, Ill.-TECHNICIAN

## Technician's Lighter Side

with Sol Heller

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA. An elderly technician who was visiting London went window shopping with a young English TV serviceman with whom he had made friends. During the course of their stroll, the Englishman pointed to a 7-inch TV set that had been reduced for clearance.
"Blimey, they're only asking 8 pounds for that set," marveled the Britisher. "Why, it's worth 12 pounds easy."
"Twelve pounds?" cried the American incredulously. "Son. I don't know much about your money system, but I wouldn't give you three ounces for that piece of junk."

QUARREL THAT LAUNDRY AWAY. Experiments at Pennsylvania State College indicate that intense inaudible sound waves can be used to wash clothes. If they could only make intense audible sound waves do the job, our laundry problems would be over. We'd just get the dirty linen out every time a quarrel with our better half was incubating, then let nature take its course.

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NIGHTMARE OF THE FUTURE. Whatever happened to that $\$ 2$ pocket radio that was rumored to be just around the corner early last year? Sounded like a wonderful idea-for everybody except the serviceman, that is. Can't you just hear the customer's howl of anguish when shown his repair bill: " $10 \phi$ for a new tube? That's robbery, man!"

BIG BUSINESS. A man who had bought a 21 -inch TV set for $\$ 2.95$, in one of those crazy sales that department stores run from time to time to stimulate traffic, came back to the TV. radio department the next day.
"You having a special sale on antennas soon?" he demanded. "My wife and I will go as high as $\$ 1.50$ for a good outdoor unit.

GETTING MORE MILES TO THE DOLLAR. "How many miles would 2,836,173 one-dollar bills reach if they were placed end to end?" Motorola recently asked its employees, in a guessing contest. Winning guess was 279.65 miles. Which brings me to my point: If two million-odd dollars can cover 279 miles, why can't one dollar extend to a good meal at my favorite restaurant, seeing that it's only six blocks from my house?

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# MFRS' Catalogs \& Bulletins 

CLEAR BEAM ANTENNAS \& ACCESSORIES: Full listing of Clear Beam and Tempo antennas, telescoping masts and other accessories. Clear Beam Antenna Corp., 100 Prospect Ave., Burbank, Calif.

INT'L RECTIFIER DIODES: Ratings and specifications on germanium diodes are listed in Bulletin GD-1A, 4 pp . International Rectifier Corp., 1521 E. Grand Ave., El Segundo, Calif

SNYDER AUTO ANTENNAS: Full-color catalag describes the complete line of cowl, fender, rear and deck mount auto radio aerials including the Snyder-Matic, whose 3 sections can be raised or lowered by a finger-tip dash control. Free antenna display materials are also listed. Dick Morris, Snyder Mfg. Co., Philadelphia 40, Penna.

WARD ANTENNAS: Separate removable catalog sheets in a folio-type cover keep this catalog, the Ward Antenna Rama, up to date by the later insertion of new sheets. Full information on more than 25 models. Free on request. Ward Prod ucts Corp., Div. of the Gabriel Co., 1148 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio


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AEROVOX CAPACITORS: Hi-Q ceramic condensers, including new Cartwheel types, are described with full electrical and physical specifications in $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Q} \mathrm{Ce}-$ ramic Capacitor Catalog; 24 pp ; illustrated. Hi-Q Div., Aerovox Corp., New Bedford, Mass.

EICO INSTRUMENT KITS: Useful as a condensed catalog or mailing piece, a new 6-page brochure, Form DMC-554, gives highlight specs and descriptions of the 38 kits and 42 wired instruments in the EICO line. Electronic Instr. Co., Inc., 84 Withers St., Brooklyn 11, N. Y

RHEIN SOUND SYSTEMS: An amplifier selection chart, designed to aid in the choice of equipment for specific requirements and listing the manufacturer's 27 amplifiers, is featured in this 4 -page folder. Notes on applications are included. Available from distributors or write to Rhein Sound Systems, Inc., 2 Coburn Ave., Orlando, Fla.

HALLDORSON TRANSFORMERS: Expanded line of transformers, with emphasis on TV components, is described and illustrated in Catalog No. 22. Chart of audio amplifier tubes vs. output transformers is included. Halldorson Transformer Co., 4500 Ravenswood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill.

JAVEX ELECTRONIC ACCESSORIES: Installation accessories, wall outlets, connectors, feed-through bushings, $h-v$ indicators and display materials are listed in Catalog 254, 8 pp. Javex, P. O. Box 646, Redlands, Calif.

GEN'L CEMENT TOOLS: Thirty-six TV tools and five tool kits are included in a listing of special-purpose alignment tools, bench kits and display materials. Brochure no. 3545, 4 pp., is available from General Cement Mfg. Co., 919 Taylor Ave., Rockford, Ill.

BOGEN SOUND SYSTEMS: Indoor and outdoor PA systems, fixed and mobile, as well as complete sound systems and accessories such as mikes and baffles are listed in Catalog PA554, 20 pp . Includes a section on selection of systems for specific rquirements. Write to David Bogen Co., Inc., 29 Ninth Ave., New York 14, N. Y.

## CORRECTION

ALPHA SOLDERS: Seven solder fluxes and 6 types of bar solder, described on p. 42 (New Products), July TECHNICLAN, are made by Alpha Metals, Inc. For information on these products, address inquiries to that manufacturer at the following corrected address: 56 Water St. Jersey City, N. J.

## NEW BOOKS

electronics. By George Corcoran and Henry Price. Published by John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. 459 pages; $\$ 7.00$, hard cover.
4 All types of vacuum tubes and such equivalents as germanium diodes and transistors are considered, together with the various classes of linear and nonlinear operation and circuit applications. Although treatment is basic, a substantial math background is necessary. The text will be most useful to the lab man and the advanced technician who wishes to expand his background.
technician's guide to tv picture tubes. By Ira Remer. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N. Y. 154 pages; \$2.40, paperbound.

Care, handling, replacement, maintenance and repair of crt's are covered in this service technician's guide. Basic parts of the tube, associated accessories and adjustments, and physical and electrical characteristics are presented without complex technical data or formulas. Tube data are in the form of several pages of charts. An appendix describes the 3 -gun color tube.

FUNDAMENTALS OF TRANSISTORS. By Leonard Krugman. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 144 pages; \$2.70, paperbound.

With the growing use of transistors in electronic equipment, this book's explanation of how these semiconductors operate should be of timely interest to technicians. From basic semiconductor physics, the text goes through the mechanism of operation, and into an analysis of the unit with grounded base, emitter, and collector, respectively. The book also covers transistor amplifier, oscillator and high frequency applications. Common transistor symbols are presented in the appendix.

HOW TO LOCATE AND ELIMINATE RADIO \& tV interference. By Fred D. Rowe. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal St., New York 13, N.Y. 128 pages; $\$ 1.80$, paperbound.

The various sources of radio and TV interference are discussed, along with a number of methods for locating and eliminating such interference. Subjects included are antennas, locating equipment, appliances, power lines, TVI suppression in transmitters, and TV receivers.

TELEVISION SIMPLIFIED, 4TH EDITION. By Milton S. Kiver. Published by D. Van Nostrand Company, Inc., 250 4th Avenue, New York 3, N. Y. 544 pages; \$6.75, hard cover.

This enlarged revised edition contains many new illustrations and schematic diagrams, plus two additional chapters
on UHF and color TV. Up-to-date material has also been added on cascode and other TV tuners, keyed agc systems and $\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{c}$ video amplifiers.
highlights of color television. By John R. Locke, Jr. Published by John F. Rider Publisher, Inc., 480 Canal Street, New Yorl 13, N. Y. 48 pages; $\$ 0.99$, paperbound.

General review, covering colorimetry, NTSC color signal, color transmitters and receivers, the 3 -gun shadow-mask tube, and some details of the associated receiver. Basic principles and processes are described with the aid of block diagrams and other drawings.

## TeleTest flyback CHECKER

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## Transmission

By Edward Abbo<br>Saxton Products, Inc.

The choice of a proper feed or transmission line is important, if optimum reception is to be achieved. This is particularly true in special-purpose antenna setups (such as community installations) and in fringe installations, where choice of the proper transmission line very often spells the difference between poor, adequate or good reception.
Several types of transmission lines are in popular use. Most widely-used is 300 -ohm twin-lead transmission wire. In strong signal areas, twin-lead is normally satis-

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|  | Wet | Dry | Wet | Dry | Wet | Dry |
| $300-\mathrm{Ohm}$ Open Wire | 1.20 | 0.40 | 2.30 | . 86 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| $300-\mathrm{Ohm}$ Tubular | 2.8 | 1.1 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 10.2 | $4 . \varepsilon$ |
| $300-\mathrm{Ohm}$ Flat | 7.6 | 1.5 | 20.0 | 3.2 | 30.0 | 5.0 |
| RG-59U | - | 3.8 | - | 9.4 | - | 14.2 |
| RG-11U | - | 1.8 | - | 5.0 |  | 7.6 |

factory, primarily because of its relatively low cost, and because it is easy to handle. In noisier, weak-signal areas, however, and where the feed-line is quite long, twin-lead becomes inadequate for the following reasons:

1. The dielectric loss (loss across the polyethylene insulation compound) increases greatly as the frequency goes up.
2. The loss becomes even greater in wet weather, or in sea-coast areas which are normally damp.
3. The line material dries out, tends to break or crack, and changes its characteristics after a period of time, thereby requiring fairly frequent replacement.
4. The signal loss becomes prohibitive as the feed-line is lengthened.
5. Because of its flexibility, the line tends to whip about in windy weather, with consequent loss of picture stability, unless adequately anchored.
Coaxial cable is also used quite extensively. There are many different types of coaxial cable. Two types have become more or less standard with the average serviceman. These are identified by the type numbers RG59U and RG11U.

RG59U is most frequently used because it is thinner and easier to handle, and also because it sells for a lot less than the sturdier and more efficient RG11U. RG11U is more commonly used in community installations, and in urban areas for multiple apartment house master antenna installations.

Coaxial cable has an impedance of 72 ohms, and generally speaking, has its largest field of application in areas where noise impulses are prevalent. Its life span is considerably longer than that of twin-lead; in addition, its tough outer jacket is much more resistant to the weather and the elements. Coaxial cable also shields out and rejects noise impulses, and has a much better loss characteristic.

Briefly, coaxial cable (particularly RG11U) is much more expensive than twin lead; it is more difficult to handle, and its impedance ( 72 ohms ) requires special matching equipment in almost all cases, since 300 ohms is the standard input impedance for most television receivers.

In the last two years, two other types of feed line have

## Line Review

become fairly popular: 300 -ohm tubular wire, and more recently both 450 -ohm and 300 -ohm open-line wire.

300 -ohm tubular wire is now being used extensively because it is more weather resistant than the flat 300 ohm lead; its loss characteristics are considerably better, it is less affected by the elements, and it is sufficiently inflexible so that it does not tend to whip around or be affected by high winds.

It has most of the advantages of coaxial cable, besides being much less expensive; it does not, however, have the shielding effect of coaxial cable.

Open-line transmission wire has only recently started coming into its own. Its basic disadvantages are now in great measure being overcome. It was only made in 450ohm types until recently, thereby negating many of its inherent advantages. Matching stubs were required to change its characteristic impedance to 300 -ohms. In its 450 -ohm form, it was very unwieldly to handle, due to the large spacing between the wires. These drawbacks, coupled with the fact that there was very little hardware available to extend its application, made its use rather limited. And since its use was limited, and volume sales low, the comparative cost of the line was quite high. Recently, however, improvements in fabricating machinery have made volume production of 300 -ohm open-line transmission wire feasible.
(Two disadvantages of open-wire line, when it is used for UHF reception, are: 1 -There is appreciable increase


450 -ohm open-wire vs 300 -ohm tubular line. courfesy Du Mont
in signal loss when the line becomes wet. 2-If the line is run close to a wall or similar object unit, signal losses through absorption are significantly increased. A third disadvantage of the line on both UHF and VHF lies in the fact that its relative inflexibility presents the serviceman with mechanical installation problems-Ed.)

300 -ohm transmission wire has some important advantages. For instance, it requires no special matching. It is easy to handle and manipulate (note our preceding comment-Ed). In common with all open-line wire, it has the best loss characteristic of any type of commercial transmission wire. It is least affected by changes in weather. Its price also has rapidly approached that of ordinary flat twin lead, the least expensive of all the transmission lines.
The basic difficulty at the moment is a lack of adequate hardware to facilitate its use. With the increasing popularity and obvious advantages of open-wire line, however, this handicap may be overcome soon. The line is now available in copper-coated steel, pure copper, and (for salt-sea areas) in a variation of these, with a covering of Formvar.


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## Making the Most of Your Test Equipment

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of the one usually recommended, but is preferred for this reason: there is no possibility of plates shorting, as exists when the plates are bent inward; furthermore, there is always more room for outward bending than for inward compression.

Calibrating Signal Generator. To properly align sound-stages tuned
to 4.5 mc , an accurately calibrated signal generator is necessary. If a 4.5 mc crystal calibrator is available, accurate setting of the i-f presents no problem; if an AM signal generator is being used for marking purposes, however, it should initially be calibrated at this frequency, and re-checked every month or so.

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is to clip the output lead from the generator to the insulation on the grid wire of the last sound i-f stage of a TV receiver; a TV station is then tuned in. With the signal generator output turned up fairly high, and the modulation OFF, move the generator dial slowly back and forth from the 4.5 mc point on the scale, and set it at the zero-beat point. The generator signal will now be beating against the 4.5 mc sound signal developed in the video detector and fed to the sound i-f stages. Mark this setting on the signal generator dial as the 4.5 mc point, regardless of the actual scale reading at this point.

The zero-beating is best done during a station break, when no sound modulation is present; if the process is performed at other times, the beat frequency will vary with the modulation, causing it to sound "hashy." With a little practice, however, the zero-beating can be per-


Fig. 3A-Side view of enlarger mounting. B-Mounting detail. C-Frant view of unit.
formed fairly accurately even under modulation conditions, since the general over-all sound does vary as the dial is moved.

If a scope is used for observing the zero beat setting, connect it across the volume control, or the discriminator output.

By zero beat we mean, of course, the generator setting at which no audible or visible output occurs; output will, of course, be visible or
audible at settings directly above or below this one, if it is the true zero beat point.

Enlarger for 3-in. Scope. Technicians who have only an older type 3 -in. scope, and who wish to enlarge the viewed pattern on the face of the tube until such time as they can afford a larger and more modern instrument, may be interested in a simple method of bridging the gap between the two. This method consists of securing an enlarging lens (like the one used on the $3-\mathrm{in}$. Pilot TV receivers a number of years ago) and mounting it in front of the present tube. Fig. 3 shows how one of these lenses was mounted on a 3 -in. RCA scope to provide a screen of approximately 4 in . If light reflections from overhead are bothersome, a piece of cardboard shield may be used to form a hood over the lens.

## Walsco Markefs <br> Low-Cost Anfenna

In ordinary metropolitan and suburban areas, an elaborate array or expensively designed antenna is not necessary to get a good TV picture. With this fact in mind, Walsco Electronics has announced the "Scotty" antenna, designed to produce good results on VHF at distances of 20 or 30 miles from the transmitter, and selling at $\$ 3.77$.

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Since its angle may be adjusted, the antenna can also be used for UHF or UHF-VHF applications. Made of reinforced aluminum, the receptor carries a 1 -year unconditional guarantee. It may also be stacked for semi-fringe use. Further information from Walsco Electronics Corp., 3602 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

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## Using the Oscilloscope for TV Servicing

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ate-frequency signals on the scope, a detector must be employed to rectify the modulated signal and remove the radio-frequency carrier. Tubes can be used, but the overwhelming preference is for the simple diode crystal, such as a type 1N64 germanium diode. The entire device can be housed in a commer-cial-type crystal probe; or else a


Fig. 6-Schematic of low-capacitance probe.
brass cylinder may be used as the outer casing (the small tube in electric light fixtures makes an excellent casing). A connector may be mounted at one end of this cylinder, to match the microphone coaxial cable arrangement previously mentioned.

A typical shunt diode detector circuit with its filter is shown as Fig. 7A; in 7B, another arrangement which uses a series diode for detection is shown. Either of these setups is entirely satisfactory. The isolating condenser should never be
omitted, and may be used in conjunction with an isolating resistor of about 4.7 k , if desired.

The ends of any isolating resistor or condenser attached to the circuit should be extremely short, since $r-f$ circuits are invariably tuned, and even the shortest possible lead will detune the circuit to which it is applied considerably. The detuning results in a loss of amplitude, which must be taken into account in interpreting the waveshapes obtained with the crystal probe across a tuned r-f or i-f circuit.

Using Tuned Circuit with Detector Probe. A tuned circuit may be employed in conjunction with a detector probe. The tuned circuit comprises a coil (which may be slug-tuned) and a condenser across it (which may be the self-capacitance of the coil). The parallel combination is connected between the probe point and the ground connection of the detector probe. The coil is placed near the tuned (or even untuned) circuit whose waveform is to be observed on the scope. The probe resonant circuit is tuned to the frequency of the circuit under test.

The advantage of the arrangement just described lies in the fact that the coupling can be made relatively weak, with the result that

Fig. 7A—Shunt crystal detector probe. B-Series-type crystal defector probe. Both are used for detecting i-f or r-f modulated signals. C-Pictorial sketch of shunt xtal probe.


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the circuit under test will not be appreciably upset. The coil can be an i-f coil of the same frequency as the one in the circuit under test. No shunting capacitance will be needed in most instances, since the capacitance of the probe and the coil will generally be large enough to provide proper resonance.
Too close coupling between the probe circuit and the circuit under test is to be avoided, since the tuned probe will act as a trap under such conditions.

Scope Calibration. In the absence of a scope grid, calibration may be achieved as follows:
The vertical deflection produced by some known peak-to-peak voltage is marked on the tube face. Since a 5 -inch tube is the most common type employed, obtain about 4 inches of vertical test signal deflection. Divide this height into 10 equal parts, and mark each division on the scope face with a grease pencil, or else use a Crayola wax crayon.

Use the shop's tube tester as the source of the calibrating voltage. Do not use the test signal from the scope heater supply, since you do not know exactly what its voltage is at any instant. With a tube tester, you can set the line voltage to deliver a metered amount of filament or heater voltage to the filament terminals of some tube socket on the tube-tester face; these terminals may then be connected to the scope's vertical input for calibration purposes.

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## CBS Colortron 205

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The deflection angle is 62 degrees; typical 2 nd-anode voltage is 25 kv . As in the earlier CBS color tube, phosphor dots are deposited directly on the spherical glass faceplate.
Magnetic convergence is accomplished as follows: 3 pairs of pole pieces are mounted in the tube above the anode and spaced 120 degrees apart. 3 external electromagnets, mounted on the tube neck, create magnetic fields which are induced into the pole pieces to provide dynamic convergence control of each of the 3 electron beams. To compensate for slight variations in manufacturing, small de fields may also be induced in these pole pieces.
The electromagnets provide adjustment for each of the 3 beams. In case additional adjustment is needed to achieve convergence, an external positioning magnet is provided for one beam, the blue one.
Introductory price of the tube to set makers is $\$ 175$.

## RCA 21-inoTube

A new and improved 21 -in. tricolor kinescope with a picture area of 250 sq . in. has been developed by RCA, and will be demonstrated on Sept. 15. The tube has a round metal envelope, is relatively shorter than those produced previously, and is $25 \%$ lighter than $19-\mathrm{in}$. glass color tubes. A filter glass face-plate and new gun provide improved picture contrast.
The most significant improvement is the new RCA curved shadow mask and mounting system, which make possible simplified mechanical mounting in the tube, and greater beam power input during operation without objectionable mask distortion. The phosphor dots are on the face-plate. The manufacturer reports accurate and stable registration, and absence of color impurity around the picture edges.
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# News of the Industry 

## Low-Priced Tape Playback

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ers, is available in 2 models. Frequency response for model 375 ( $33 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. per sec.) goes from 50 to 6500 cps ; response for model 750 ( $71 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$ ) ranges from 50 to 10,000 cps. Either unit accommodates $5-\mathrm{in}$. reels with dual-track tapes and feeds its output directly into equipment designed for standard magnetic phono cartridges. Where a magnetic input is not part of the equipment, the model 2246 pre-amp may be used. The units are only 10 in. square, sell for $\$ 29.95$ each.

## Muzak Switches to Tape

Pioneer in the field of functional background music, the Muzak Corp. is converting its operation from one using discs to one relying on tapes. The change-over should be completed this summer. Heart of the new system is a new tape player that accommodates $4800-\mathrm{ft}$. reels. Subsonic signals recorded on the tape automatically key the following functions: starting, stopping, pre-selection of specialized music, rewinding and changing of tracks. Two such machines used in tandem can go on playing indefinitely. Muzak is now engaged in transcribing its complete disc library of $\mathbf{7 , 0 0 0}$ pieces to tape.

## RETMA Activities

At a meeting of the RETMA Service Committee, chairman Harold Schulman noted that the cost of servicing will become more important as selling prices of sets are reduced. Technical training, he noted,
is important in the development of an overall improvement in servicing. In addition to making widely available the complete RETMA course for training advanced service technicians, the organization has conducted its first teacher training course at the New York Trade School in July. Thirty teachers in trade and vocational schools attended. Also being considered is a program of community cooperation which will serve to identify technically competent technicians.

## JFD Opens New Lab

Atop the building occupied by JFD Mfg. Co., 6101 16th Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., is a new penthouselaboratory built to test antennas under actual use conditions. Headed by chief engineer Doug Carpenter the lab houses a polar recorder, generators, field-strength meters, a transmitter and other equipment for testing antennas. Lining the edges of the roof are experimental antenna designs undergoing try-outs.

## Du Mont Hits Big Networks

Two networks enjoy a virtual stranglehold on TV broadcasting, said Dr. Allen B. Du Mont in a statement filed with the Senate subcommittee holding hearings on UHF problems. FCC stoppage of newstation construction in 1948 left the nation with a large number of operating stations affiliated with either of the two big chains. The freeze, which lasted more than 3 years, gave these networks a head start that has put smaller competing com. panies at a disadvantage, Du Mont stated.

## NEDA Activities

The 1954 Battery Index, published by the National Electronic Distributors Association, 228 N. La Salle St., Chicago 1, Ill., is available free in single copies, at $\$ 5.75$ per hundred in larger quantities. The index uses a single code for identifying batteries of all makes regardless of the manufacturer's numbering system. NEDA is now organizing a meeting with representatives of all manufacturers to check the index. The overall plan is to make certain that batteries now listed as being electrically interchangeable are also physically interchangeable.

Parts and equipment distributors attended a NEDA seminar held in Seattle, Wash., on July 24, 1954. Topics discussed were the impact of color TV on distributors, cost of operation in today's economy and proper selection and training of sales personnel.

## News of the Reps

"THE REPRESENTATIVES" have a new slate of national officers, elected at the annual delegates meeting in New York. New execs, together with chapter affiliations, are: Wally B. Swank, prexy (Empire State); Dean A. Lewis, 1st vice-prexy (California); Ross C. Merchant, 2nd v-p (Wolverine); John J. Kopple, 3rd v-p (New York); David M. Lee, secy. (Pacific Northwest); and Harry Halinton, treas. (Chicagoland) ... The organization now has 649 members, including 12 in foreign countries . . . CHICAGOLAND CHAPTER has also installed new officers: Roy J. Magnuson, prexy; Karl D. Engle, v-p; Helen K. Beebe, secy; and Joe K. Rose, treas.

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| No. | MF@WVDC | Part No. | Replacement |
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| C132 | $80 @ 400 / 80 @ 200$ | 79147 | 1 TVL-3764 |
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| C219 | $25 @ 450 / 100+10 @ 300 /$ | $8 \mathrm{C}-23689$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { TVL-3574 } \\ \text { TVA-1711 }\end{array}\right.$ |
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